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OPENERS

President Meneve Dunham Plans Retirement for December

Van-Lear Black III, chairman of Fontbonne College's board of trustees, has announced the retirement of Meneve Dunham, Ph.D., president of Fontbonne College, effective Dec. 31, 1994. Dunham came to Fontbonne in 1985.

"Dr. Dunham has been a great asset to the school for the past nine years," says Black. "We are all fortunate to have benefited from her leadership at a crucial time in Fontbonne's history."

Dunham came to Fontbonne from Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where she served as vice president for development. Prior to that, she served as president of Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

She received her doctorate from the University of Michigan — Ann Arbor. Dunham received her master's degree from DePaul University and her bachelor's degree from Clarke College.

As Fontbonne's first lay president, she revitalized Fontbonne during



Meneve Dunham, Ph.D., president

her tenure by increasing enrollment, creating new major programs, balancing budgets, improving the physical plant and diversifying the membership of the board of trustees.

Dunham directed Fontbonne's first \$6 million capital campaign, THE CAMPAIGN FOR FONTBONNE, which was completed 10 months ahead of schedule. In the fall of 1991, she began the second phase of the campaign, THE CAMPAIGN FOR FONTBONNE — Building From Strength. It has reached 85 percent of its \$6 million

goal as of February.

Dunham's most recent accomplishment includes Fontbonne's newest building on campus — The Dunham Student Activity Center — named in her honor. The approximately 38,000-square-foot building doubles as a sports complex and student union.

"My tenure at Fontbonne provided the most successful years in my professional life," says Dunham. "I am pleased that I could accomplish so much for Fontbonne College."

Dunham plans to retire to Bonita Springs, Fla. She hopes to spend some of her time tutoring literacy to Spanish-speaking Americans. She is currently taking Spanish courses at Fontbonne.

A search committee has been formed to select a new president. The committee is headed by Ruth Stroble, a member of Fontbonne's board of trustees and an alumna of Fontbonne College.

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Fontbonne to Host Olympic Festival Competition and Athlete Village This Summer

St. Louis will be the Gateway to the Gold during the U.S. Olympic Festival-'94 games. And Fontbonne is helping Olympians go-for-the-gold this summer! Serving as a venue and village host for the Olympic Festival, the Fontbonne campus will be buzzing with Olympic hopefuls, officials and fans from June 10 to July 10. The U.S. Olympic Festival games serve as a training ground for athletes wanting to compete in future world-wide Olympics.

Around 250 United States Olympic officials and Festival participants will call Fontbonne residence halls their home throughout the Olympic Festival this summer, with peak occupancy expected to occur around the first of July. Athletes from the swimming, cycling, and badminton competitions will stay in Fontbonne's "Olympic Village."

Fontbonne will also serve as venue host for the badminton competition, held July 4 - 10, and basketball practice, held June 27 - July 2, in the Dunham Student Activity Center. Forty-two badminton athletes from around the country will compete in the men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed-doubles matches. The new gymnasium is a perfect setting for spectators and athletes alike.

"The gym is *not* air conditioned, and this is a requirement for badminton competitions," says Jerry Tucker, director of the Dunham Student Activity Center. "Air conditioning affects the flight of the shuttle," he adds. The new seating capacity in the gym is also ideal for holding badminton and basketball-practice spectators.

Fontbonne was first approached by the Olympic Festival Committee in the winter of 1992. They asked the college to serve as a venue and village host for the Festival, and the project has been in the works since.

"Agreeing to participate not only helps the athletes but also provides wonderful national and local visibility for the College," says Gary Zack, vice president for

enrollment management and student development. "We hope to be involved with other athletic events like this in the future."

"Fontbonne will get excellent exposure and publicity," Jerry Tucker says. "We're very excited to be a part of this national event that will be great for both St. Louis and the college itself."

Security around Fontbonne will be beefed up to protect both athletes and officials, with particular attention paid to the residence halls and the Dunham Student Activity Center. The 60-space lot located between the residence halls will be closed for exclusive use by

the officials housed in Medaille Hall.

"We don't expect these measures to disrupt summer school or to cause a parking problem, though," says Tucker.

Potential parking problems aside, the summer Olympic Festival games promise to be exciting — for athletes, fans . . . and Fontbonne.



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Renovations Completed on Arnold Memorial Center

Re-dedication ceremonies were held in December with the completion of the newly redesigned Arnold Memorial Center (AMC).

Located on the first floor of the residence hall Medaille Hall, the AMC was first dedicated on November 20, 1969, in memory of Cecil Price Arnold, "a man of great strength of mind, will and heart." Mr. Arnold's widow, Jean, was present at the dedication, as were her daughter, Joanne, then a junior at Fontbonne, and her son Anthony.



Joanne Arnold Strathearn '71 (right) poses with Dr. Meneve Dunham, president, following the ceremony.



Faculty and friends gathers for the event.

In the fall of 1993, the AMC was redesigned and refurbished to accommodate the growing number of increasingly diverse needs of Fontbonne students.

The re-dedication, held during the 70th anniversary year of Fontbonne, was to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Price Arnold.



Ruth Yates, CSJ, director of campus ministry, leads guests in prayer at the re-dedication ceremony in the newly redesigned AMC.



Students enjoy themselves following the ceremony.

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Three-Phase Plan For Fontbonne Is Completed

The three-phase student center development program began in the spring of 1990 and was completed in 1993 with the re-dedication of the Arnold Memorial Center (AMC) in December.

A planning committee consisting of seven students, a trustee, faculty and staff members, was formed in the spring of 1990. Compiling surveys of alumni, faculty, staff and students, the committee developed its plan.

Phase one of the plan included the renovation of the first floor of St. Joseph's Hall. Air conditioning and heating systems were installed throughout the building. Medaille received renovations of their floor kitchens and lounge. All these projects were completed in the summer of 1991.

Phase two consisted of the Dunham Student Activity Center. Groundbreaking took place in December of 1991 and a dedication

ceremony marked its completion in March 1993.

The new Center replaced an undersized gymnasium and a 68-year-old snack bar with a creative combination of renovation and new construction. The 38,000-square-foot building houses a gym with seating capacity for 1,500, training rooms, fitness center, aerobic dance studio, the College's athletic department and intramural sports offices, as well as a student union.

Phase three saw the complete renovation of the AMC and new comfort systems throughout the whole building. The work began this past summer and was completed in December of 1993.

"These projects have made a big difference on campus," says Gary Zack, vice president for student development and enrollment management. "It has contributed to the campus environment and made recruitment more successful.

Students are taking great pride in their college, and we are at full capacity in the residence halls."

Zack also attributes Fontbonne's selection as an Olympic Festival village site in the summer of 1994 to the campus rejuvenation. "We can now host events on our campus that were previously held elsewhere, such as the Coca-Cola High School Basketball Tournament held each year in January," says Zack.

"I feel the program was successful because it involved the entire Fontbonne Community," says Fred Sauer, trustee and chairman of the original planning committee three years ago. "Through meetings and dialogue between individuals on campus, we found the needs of the community so that those after us, such as the architects, could do their job effectively."

"Students are really excited about the changes on campus," says Carla Hickman, director of residential life. "I've heard students comment on how nice the facilities are and how much they enjoy using them. I've heard alumni say they wish they were still at Fontbonne to take advantage of these new facilities, and I've heard how enthused resident students are that they can now have access to computers 24 hours a day in the AMC." Ten IBM computer workstations for student use were added during renovations.

"This is an exciting time on campus for students and the Fontbonne community," Hickman says.



Students enjoy themselves in the Dunham Student Activity Center Alumni Caf. The Dunham Student Activity Center is one part of a three-phase student center development program completed in 1993.

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Heritage Club Luncheon Slated for End of April

The fifth annual Heritage Club Luncheon will be held Thursday, April 21 in the Alumni Caf of the Dunham Student Activity Center.

The annual event recognizes endowed scholarship recipients and thanks Heritage Club members for their endowment support. Scholar recipients and donors of respective scholarships are given the opportunity to meet at the event.

Members of the Heritage Club are those persons, foundations and corporations that have contributed to Fontbonne's endowment through the establishment of scholarships or other various planned giving options.

Nine new members will be inducted into the club by Meneve Dunham, Ph.D., president, at the luncheon.

Heritage Club Members

Mr. and Mrs. David Amelotti
Cheryl Berman Beaver
Marilyn Steuterman Berry
Gail Bertke
Sister John Joseph Bezdek Music Scholarship

Delores Kinsella Box
Pauline M. Bozdech-Veater
Mary Jeanne Gertken Brady
Sarah Morris Brickel
Theresa C. Burmeister
Elise Byrne
Mr. and Mrs. Igino Caira
Margaret Hyatt Capeci
Clarkson Group
Mary Beth Cordes
Cornelia Rindlaub Crabtree
Mary Madeline Dawkins
Martha Hatch Doerr *
Meneve Dunham
Alice Beffa Erdelen
Rosemary Fitzburgh Erman
Catherine Esser
Mary Ferguson
Edward C. Garvey Memorial Foundation
General Dynamics Foundation
Kathy Murphy Geronimo
Maurine Reiser Gerwig
George S. Graff
Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gund
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guyol, Jr.
Helen Guyol
Mr. and Mrs. William Guyol
Iris Westhoff Hanson
Jane Freund Harris

Veronica Grob Hicks
Mr. and Mrs. William V. Hollenbeck
Mary Jackson
Dorothea Wells James
Patricia Cramer Judd
Virginia Kelahan
Mary Lou Miller Kleine
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Levy
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Phyllis Schmidt Lorek
Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKinney
Dr. and Mrs. John McNamara
Anne C. Meyer
Leontone Meyer
R. Jaclyn Meyer
Jacqueline Post Miller
Mr. and Mrs. James Moore
Dorothy Moyle
Dianne B. Murray
Martha Holloran O'Grady
Mel Patton
Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Pope
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Norman J. Stupp Foundation
Elmire Tesson
Bernadine Thien
Nancy Murphy Thro
Sarah and Joseph Van Drisse Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Vatterott
Vatterott Foundation
Mrs. Marie Wahlert*
Winifred Waring
M. Leona Hall Weber
Barbara Krausel Wick

*deceased

Two Former Faculty Members Honored with Endowed Scholarships

The board of trustees has honored two former faculty members of Fontbonne College by establishing endowed scholarships in their name. Marcella Holloway, CSJ, professor of English, and Matilde Sonnino, professor of foreign language, were honored.

Sister Marcella served as professor of English at Fontbonne from 1963 to

1984. A native of St. Louis, she received her bachelor's degree from Fontbonne College in 1937.

Sonnino came to Fontbonne in 1963 serving as associate professor of foreign language (French) and eventually chairperson of the department of foreign language.

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Burgo Receives Honors for Excellence in Teaching

Donald Paul Burgo, Ph.D., chairperson of religious and philosophical studies at Fontbonne College, was honored with two awards for his excellence in teaching. The awards he received are the Emerson Electric Co. Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

He received the Emerson Electric Co. Award on Nov. 14 at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton. The Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Burgo by Governor Mel Carnahan on Dec. 2 at the 1993 Governor's Conference on Higher Education at the St. Louis Marriott Pavilion Hotel.

Burgo was born in Martha's Vineyard, Mass. and schooled in Massachusetts, Hawaii and California. He attended Chaminade University in Honolulu and received his bachelor's degree from the University of San Francisco. Awarded Woodrow Wilson and NDEA

fellowships, he did his graduate studies at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, where he earned a master's degree and his doctorate in theology and literature.

He has taught at Fontbonne for more than 20 years. Burgo has lectured at Hobart and William Smith

Colleges and at Saint Louis University. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Catholic Theological Society of America, but he is perhaps best known for his appearance on the game show Jeopardy!

Burgo was also elected by students, faculty, staff and alumni to be the recipient of the Fontbonne College Trustees' Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1993.



James Lorene Hogan, CSJ, Deaf Education Chairperson, Plans Retirement

James Lorene Hogan, CSJ, chairperson of the department of deaf education, plans to retire at the end of this academic year.

Sister James has served the college for nearly thirty years. She received her bachelor's degree in philosophy from Fontbonne, her master's in deaf education at Kent State and a specialist degree in special education at Michigan State. After taking her final vows in 1945, her mission was to help the deaf.

Fontbonne is one of only 46 colleges and universities nationwide which has a program that qualifies for national certification through the Council of Education of the Deaf. Sister James has built the program over her tenure and is instrumental in all the recognition which the program receives.

Mother St. John Fontbonne Visits Fontbonne

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the death of Mother St. John Fontbonne, the campus had a visitor on November 22. Mother St. John Fontbonne, alias Donna Lorretto Gunn, CSJ, St. Louis province director, visited with students, faculty and staff during lunch. Greeting each person, she told them how glad she was they were at Fontbonne.



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OPTIONS Celebrates First McDonnell Douglas Foreign Language Class Completion with Awards Ceremony in April

The Fontbonne College OPTIONS McDonnell Douglas Foreign Language Program held its first awards ceremony in April, with 29 students receiving certificates at the ceremony.

Joan Lescinski, CSJ, vice president and academic dean, presented the opening remarks to the class. "I view your efforts to learn a language as one significant step to counter the breakdown of communication among human beings. Language learning is hard work, as all of you understand. It brings us, as adults, face-to-face with verbal inadequacy," says Sister Joan.

"The confusion of tongues then (as in the Hebrew scriptures at the Tower of Babel), as now, divides human beings. But your efforts reverse that reality," she says.

Dale Kling, OPTIONS instructor and McDonnell Douglas employee, made closing remarks to the class.



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In an informal address, he congratulated students on their achievements and reminded them of the countless dinners they sacrificed over the many nights of class. "Bet you won't miss the peanuts and cherry coke you had for dinner between work and class," he jokes.

McDonnell Douglas has long recognized the need to become more international in business operations. To accomplish this, they needed more employees to understand various cultures and be conversant in foreign languages.

McDonnell Douglas employees began the program in May of 1992 with the combined efforts of OPTIONS, McDonnell Douglas and Berlitz. The program is a sequence of six 12-week courses, each four hours in length, using the Berlitz concept of total emersion in the language. An overwhelming response made it necessary for the original cap of 300 students to be removed to make participation unlimited. Over 500 McDonnell Douglas employees are enrolled in the program.



A McDonnell Douglas employee receives a certificate and handshake from Fontbonne's president, Dr. Meneve Dunham (center) and OPTIONS' Maureen Missimore, who coordinates the program.



The class poses for a group picture following the ceremony.

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McDonnell Douglas Employee Excels in OPTIONS Language Program

"Now I can order good things off the menu in Italy," jokes Roy J. DeBellis, a program manager at McDonnell Douglas and recent certificate recipient for the OPTIONS Foreign Language Program. DeBellis recently completed the six session, 12-week per session program to become conversant in Italian.

"I chose Italian because I have a lot of relatives in Italy and visit there often," he says. "I also hoped that this would provide me with an opportunity in the future for some international dealings for McDonnell Douglas."

The Fontbonne OPTIONS Foreign Language Program at McDonnell Douglas Aerospace began in 1992 to assist their employees in becoming fluent in the languages of their international clients as part of the company's move toward global awareness. The program uses the Berlitz concept of total immersion in language.

"It was a difficult program," says DeBellis. "It was a whole lot of fun, though."

"When I started the program, I knew no one in class," he recalls. "It became a 'friendship club' after a while because in language courses you converse a lot with others about your family, your job, your vacations. We really got to know each other well. We are talking about continuing to get together infor-

mally to keep up with our language skills." He explained they all had something in common when they started: they all came from a full-time job for the four-hour course once a week and generally had to skip dinner.

"That McDonnell Douglas class was one of my favorites," says Alba Peters, a teacher and methods trainer for Berlitz. "They were a pleasure to teach because they were committed 100 percent to the class. They helped each other and worked well as a team."

"Roy excelled in Italian and even presented a slide show in Italian from his many trips to Italy for the class at his home," recalls Peters.

A Chicago native, DeBellis lived in California before coming to St. Louis 25 years ago. The father of two grown children, DeBellis has a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Notre Dame and a master's degree from the University of California — Los Angeles.

"Berlitz also taught us about the culture of the country whose language we were studying," he says. "They interject current trends into the course along with new idioms, words and trends in the culture."

"Italian is a very expressive language," says DeBellis. "You must use your hands to speak," he laughed. "We used a lot of body language in class."

Fontbonne's Familiar Smokestack Is Disassembled

The familiar smokestack located next to the physical plant on campus was taken down during March. The stack's condition had been deteriorating over the last year with the disintegration of metal rings near the top. This had become a safety hazard. Brick by brick, the work crews on the scaffolding threw pieces of history down the stack and pulled them out from a hole cut at the bottom. The smokestack has not been used since the Environmental Protection Agency passed laws on smoke emission several years ago.



The familiar smokestack on campus was taken down during March because it had become a safety hazard.

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A Good Deal Gets Better -- Charitable Remainder Trusts

A good deal just got better! The 1993 Budget Reconciliation Act removed one of the major obstacles to receiving the full benefits from a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT).

Before discussing effects of the latest tax legislation, let us review the principal elements of a CRT. With a CRT, a donor places an asset inside

a trust and receives an income from that trust for the remainder of his or her life, or in case of a married couple, for the joint lives of the husband and wife. On death, the principal of the trust passes to designated charitable beneficiaries.

CRTs work best when the donor places highly appreciated assets, such as stocks or bonds, inside the

trust. This is because the trust can sell the appreciated stocks and bonds, and pay absolutely no capital gains tax. The result is that the entire amount of the contribution is available for reinvestment to produce income. By contrast, if the donor sells the asset directly, one-third of the proceeds will be paid in capital gains tax to federal and state governments.

Until the passage of the 1993 Act, there was one problem with the process, a problem known as the alternative minimum tax. This set up a special tax computation procedure which said that under certain circumstances, the appreciation in value of the assets contributed to a CRT could be considered a taxable income for purposes of calculating an individuals' tax liability.

The 1993 Act, however, has done away with this provision. As a result, an individual establishing a CRT can contribute highly appreciated common stocks and sell the assets inside the trust without triggering the alternative minimum tax computation. Thus, the donor will receive the full amount of the value of the contribution as an itemized tax deduction.

With a little creative planning, it is possible to add a CRT in your plans to reduce estate taxes and increase the wealth for your heirs.

Written by: Robert W. Butler, associate professor of business and administration at Fontbonne, and partner in Roman, Butler, Fullerton — a registered investment advisory company based in St. Louis.

Delta Mu Delta Spreads Good Cheer



The officers of Delta Mu Delta, along with Santa Claus, a.k.a. William Foster, business and administration, brought some Christmas joy to the residents of St. Phillipine Duschene Shelter on Dec. 21. Delta Mu Delta, Epsilon Lambda Chapter, is the national honor society for students majoring in business and administration both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Foster, the current faculty advisor, donned his red suit, complete with needed padding, to help elves Sharlene Tenaglia, president,

Patricia Plotz, acting treasurer, and Mike Rudolph, vice president, supply gifts to the families living in the shelter.

St. Phillipine houses nine families, providing them with food, shelter and counseling for up to 60 days. The hope is that by furnishing a stable environment, families will be able to find a permanent solution to their challenges. "No verbal thanks were necessary," exclaims Santa. "We could see the gratitude on all the faces."

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Fontbonne Hands-off an MBA to Gold Medal Olympian

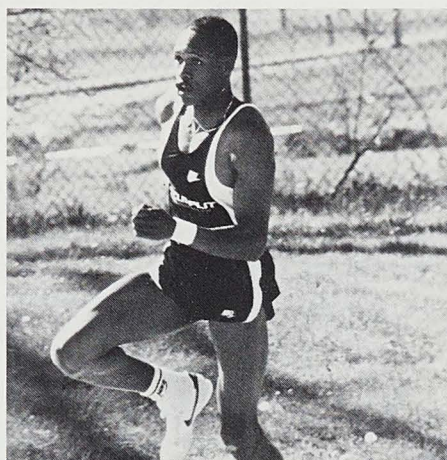
Ray Armstead is known around Fontbonne as a 1993 master in business administration (MBA) graduate. But in the sports community, he's known as a 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist for the 4x400-Meter Relay. Fontbonne has a professional Olympian in its midst.

Armstead, a native St. Louisan, began his track career in his senior year (1979) at Northwest High School. Knowing he wanted to attend college, but not getting the basketball scholarship he thought he'd receive, Armstead looked for ways to help pay for schooling.

"My father always told us to get our education. My parents had already put one child through college. Another was in college and two more of us were on the way. I didn't want to add to that burden. So, I looked around to see what else I could do," says Armstead.

It was at this time he attended an in-door track meet for the first time. He thought, "I can do that," and he set his mind to it. With only five weeks left before graduation, he had to make an impression as a track and field athlete. He did just that, finishing second in the 400-Meter Dash at the Missouri State Finals. This second-place finish landed him a full scholarship to Northeast Missouri State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in commercial art and advertising.

In his junior year at Northeast, he was reading an issue of *Track and Field News* and noticed the running



Ray Armstead

times of Olympic hopefuls. He once again challenged himself, thinking, "I can beat those guys. I can do that."

"So I began to train year-round," says Armstead. "I learned to swim and lift weights to build up my body. I started riding my bike everywhere. And I would run to class. I'd intentionally wait until the last minute to test my speed."

It was ultimately the Trials that tested his speed in June 1984. He qualified for the Olympic 4x400-Meter Relay Team as one of the top four runners in the country.

Armstead competed with the 1984 U.S. Olympic Team in Los Angeles and won a gold medal. "What I have comes from God and my parents," says Armstead.

He shares this feeling and his Olympic experience with area youth as part of the St. Louis Public Schools' Role Model program. His message to them is one filled with advice about obtaining an education

and using motivation to do what you can with God-given talents. "My real motivation for working with young people is not in sports, it's in school," says Armstead. "I tell them that once they get an education, that's something no one else can take away from them."

"So often African-Americans have to prove themselves. When society tests these young African-Americans, they won't be provided with a study sheet. They will be expected to already know what is necessary to succeed. The place for getting most of the information is in school," Armstead says.

He attended Fontbonne to earn his MBA for that very reason. "Jocks aren't stereotypically smart. It's a label that I have set out to break. Being a 'jock' is ok, but getting an education is the most important thing. That way you have something to fall back on," he says.

"The Fontbonne OPTIONS classes were flexible with my schedule. My professors were one-on-one and personal. It won me over!"

Armstead has been able to use his Olympic experiences and education in his current job with the U.S. Olympic Festival-'94 Committee as community coordinator for the torch relay. Armstead travels city to city across America organizing the relay, which ends in St. Louis on July 1 at the cauldron lighting under the Arch. Fontbonne will hand-off an MBA to Armstead at the May 1994 graduation ceremony.

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Fontbonne Supporters Initiated into President's Association

Fontbonne College honored its President's Associates at the annual dinner held in December at Old Warson Country Club. Several new members were initiated into the Association and Societies by Meneve Dunham, Ph.D., president of Fontbonne.

New Associates include Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Fruin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pickle, Mrs. Albert Ravarino, Mrs. Julia Sauer, Mrs. Gertrude S.



Mrs. Albert Ravarino



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pickle



Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bolinske

Schwaiger, Mr. and Mrs. John Valentine and Mr. and Mrs. William Walker.

Cumulative Giving Recognition Societies honored several new members according to their respective societies. Medaille Society recipients included Union Electric Company. Inductees into the O'Hara Society included Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bolinske, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Eagan, Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Hockenedel, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reintjes, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Schack, A. Jean Stoner and Mrs. James C. Thompson. The Vachon Society welcomed new members Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Chivetta, Mary Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fleck, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Kadas, R. Jaclyn Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noonan, Mr.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eagan



R. Jaclyn Meyer

and Mrs. Robert J. O'Reilly, II, Rose Perotti and Mr. and Mrs. James Spehr.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller



Mr. and Mrs. James Spehr



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Chivetta



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson

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Fontbonne/Coca-Cola High School Basketball Tournament Held In Mabee Gym

The fourth annual Fontbonne College/Coca-Cola High School basketball tournament was held in January for the first time in the Mabee Gymnasium of the Dunham Student Activity Center. The Collinsville Kahoks beat the DeSmet Spartans in the final game to win the championship.



The Collinsville Kahoks and DeSmet Spartans battle for points.

Fontbonne's Tuition Increase Is Again Below National Average

Fontbonne has again kept its tuition charge well below the increase of most private and public institutions for the 1994-95 academic year. Fontbonne's board of trustees has approved four percent increases for both full-time tuition and room and board.

Effective in the 1994 summer semester, Fontbonne's full-time tuition will be \$8,390, the only private college in the area under \$8,500. The average full-time tuition increase nationally has been around eight percent, but for the past several years Fontbonne has been able to keep its increases near four percent. Room and board costs will average \$4,100.

Recommendations for tuition increases are based on projections of enrollment and increased expenses for the coming year. Gary Zack, vice president for enrollment management and student development, cited financial aid as one of the largest increased expenses next year — up 14 percent. This is mainly due to continuing erosion of federal and state sources of gift aid, which Fontbonne has had to replace with its own funds.

"Fontbonne makes a concerned effort in keeping tuition affordable," says Meneve Dunham, Ph.D., president. "Offering an excellent, affordable education is part of Fontbonne's tradition of service."

Fontbonne Student Recognized with Award

Kristin Chrisco, senior in education/special education, was recognized as Outstanding Advocate of the Year by the Recreation Council of Greater St. Louis at their ninth annual awards luncheon in February.

She was recognized for her ability to be a positive role model who has made a great impact by including children with disabilities in community recreation services. As a volunteer, she stepped in and took over an "abandoned" T-ball team. She also served as a volunteer in the Leisure Links program where she included a person with a disability in some of her everyday leisure activities. Then, she became a companion for a camper at the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Day Camp.

Chrisco is an active member of the Fontbonne community. In addition to serving as a resident assistant in the residence halls on campus, she is a member of the volleyball team and secretary to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has served for three years on the Council for Exceptional Children and has been active in all department of education/special education functions. For the past two years, she assisted the public relations office in interviewing mentally handicapped students as they received job training skills along with their high school curriculum.

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Fontbonne Remembers . . .

Rose Marie Morris, O.P., '81, alumna and former faculty member in the department of art, died on October 24, 1993 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent. She was 66.

Sister Rose Marie taught art methods at Fontbonne from 1979-1984. She lived with the Sisters of St. Joseph community at Fontbonne College for five years during the late 1980s, early 1990s. She began her teaching career at St. Rita's in the Bronx, N.Y. in 1947. Sister Rose Marie then taught at St. Mary Magdalen in Brentwood, Mo. from 1953-1962 and later moved to other area elementary, secondary and higher education schools. In 1986, she became artist-in-residence at the Dominican art studio at Kenrick Pastoral Center where she worked until the time of her death.

Sister Rose Marie entered the Order of Preachers in 1945 and took her final vows in 1952. She received her bachelor's degree from Manhattan College in 1953 and her master of fine arts degree from Fontbonne College in 1981.

Agnes Puricelli, CSJ, '61, former assistant professor of Spanish at Fontbonne, died at the Nazareth Living Center on Nov. 11, 1993. She was 62.

Sister Agnes received her bachelor of arts degree from Fontbonne College in 1961 and her master of arts in Spanish from Middlebury College in 1965. In the summer of

1967, she had a Fulbright Study Grant in Spain.

Besides being on the faculty of Fontbonne College beginning in 1969, she was a visiting professor of Spanish at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, Ca. in 1967-68. Her prior teaching experience was in both elementary and secondary schools in the St. Louis area.

Sister Agnes entered the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1949 and took her final vows in 1957. She retired to Nazareth Convent in 1993.

Mary Hugh McLarney, CSJ, '38, alumna and former education department chair and professor emerita, died Jan. 14 at the Nazareth Living Center. She was 94.

Sister Mary Hugh entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1925 and professed her final vows in 1931. She worked first as an elementary school teacher at St. Roch School in St. Louis and began at Fontbonne College in 1951 as a teacher for 20 years and an administrator for 14 years.

She received her bachelor of arts degree from Fontbonne College and her master's degree and doctorate from the University of Missouri at Columbia. In addition, Sister Mary Hugh began the St. Joseph Mother's Guild in 1954 for raising money for the retired sisters at Nazareth.

Stroble Re-elected to the Board

Ruth O'Neill Stroble '52 has been re-elected to the Fontbonne board of trustees. A dietetics major at Fontbonne, Stroble is the mother of six children. She has served on Fontbonne's Alumni Association executive board and as chairperson of Fontbonne's Planned Giving Committee.

Currently, Stroble is serving Fontbonne as chairperson of the presidential search committee.

Sixth Annual Red Schoendienst/Fontbonne College All-Star Golf Tournament Slated for July

Cardinal Baseball Hall of Famer Red Schoendienst and many of his friends will be on hand for the sixth annual Red Schoendienst/Fontbonne College All-Star Golf Tournament, Monday, July 11 at Whitmoor Country Club in St. Charles. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the shotgun tee off starts at 1 p.m. A dinner, awards ceremony and auction round out the day's events. Entry fee is \$275 per golfer or \$1000 per complete foursome. Sponsorship of holes and special events is available. For details, call 889-1412.

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Donna Loretto Gunn, CSJ, to Speak at Spring Commencement

Donna Loretto Gunn, CSJ, province director for the Sisters of St. Joseph, will be the honored speaker at Fontbonne's commencement ceremonies on May 14. Sister Donna will share her humor and insightful experiences with candidates for the May graduation.

Sister Donna received her bachelor's degree in speech and drama from Fontbonne in 1961. In 1969, she completed her master's degree in speech and theatre from Indiana University. She finished her education at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she received a certificate in gerontology in 1974.

Sister Donna is currently in her second term as province director, holding this position since 1988. She is in charge of the temporal and spiritual administration of the Province and relates closely with individual sister's needs, sponsored institutions, Catholic churches, the Bishop, and other women religious. She is also very active in the Archdiocese.

She began her career teaching on the primary level, moved to the high-school level for 11 years, and eventually on to college. After completing her certificate in gerontology, Gunn began her social ministry, establishing programs and activities for the aged.

She first became interested in assisting the elderly during her volunteerism at Nazareth, a retirement home for the Sisters of St.



Donna Loretto Gunn, CSJ

Joseph — an activity which she dearly loved. Sister Donna was reared to pay special reverence to the older generation; her grandmother lived with her family for 22 years. Her love for the elderly moved with her as she helped develop and manage the San Luis apartments for active senior citizens and directed the housing program

for Cardinal Ritter Institute. She later served as a consultant on aging for the Province and coordinated parish programs for the elderly through Cardinal Ritter Institute.

Sister Donna currently serves on the member board and board of trustees for the Carondelet Health System. She continues to aid in the development of quality, affordable housing for the elderly by serving on the corporate board for the Intercommunity Housing Association. She is also a member of the Leadership Conference for Women Religious (LCWR) and on the member board for Emmaus Residential Housing, a personal-growth organization for women religious.

Commencement ceremonies will begin at 1:30 p.m. on the Library Quadrangle of Fontbonne.

Admission Recruitments in Memphis



Fontbonne hosted a reception for prospective students to visit with alumni, current students and faculty members in Memphis, Tenn., in January. A big thanks to alums Yolanda Evans '72, Virginia Hendrick Scherer '66, Dorothy DeDe Dallas Casparia '66 (left to right). Faculty and students who attended were Lynne Wasson, instructor of human environmental sciences, sophomore Apryl Purnell, junior Angie Eiler and junior Clare Hivner.

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Two Faculty Members Enjoy Recently-Published Book Success

Two members of Fontbonne's faculty have recently published their first books.

Jean Madsen, education/special education, celebrated her new book, "Educational Reform at the State Level: The Politics and Problems of Implementation," Falmer Press, with a book-signing party in the AMC in February.



Jean Madsen signs one of her books for a party participant.

The book is an inside look at how educational legislation is administered and interpreted from a state department of education perspective. During the mid-1980s, many states responded to the "Nation at Risk" report by developing new legislation to improve schools. This book is an account of how a state's educational agency had difficulties implementing this new legislation because of problems including limited resources, lack of consensus on program goals, and a bureaucratic mindset. Many district administrators also had difficulty implementing the new legislation due to lack of leadership from the state department of education. Although the intent of the educational legislation was to improve schools, the state department of education was unable to shift from its regulator roles in order to provide technical support to schools.

Jean Madsen is currently an assistant professor in the department of education/special education. Previous to her position at Fontbonne, Madsen worked at the state department of education during the

education reform initiatives, such as career ladders and other school improvement programs. She has also worked at the University of Wisconsin — Madison in the School Evaluation Consortium where she assisted school districts with evaluation and curriculum development. She is currently pursuing her research interests of school restructuring, policy implementation, and diversity issues in education.

Daryl J. Wennemann, religion and philosophical studies, is the co-author of "Applied Professional Ethics: A Developmental Approach for Use in Case Studies," University Press of America.

This book is intended to be used in any course that treats the ethical component of professional life through case studies. These include medical ethics, business ethics, engineering ethics, legal ethics and others. Because of the book's small size, it could be used as a supplemental text in any course that used the case study approach. Increasingly,

professionally, professional organizations and accrediting agencies are calling for teaching ethics as an integral component of technical courses, rather than simply as a separate course offered by the philosophy department.

Wennemann serves as assistant professor in the religion and philosophy studies department. He has a doctorate in philosophy from Marquette University and a master's degree in philosophy from Saint Louis University. Prior to coming to Fontbonne, Wennemann served as instructor at Saint Louis University and lecturer at Marquette University and Cardinal Stritch College. He is a member of the American Philosophical Association and the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

Madsen's and Wennemann's books can be found in bookstores and libraries. We congratulate them on their achievements and look forward to hearing more from them in the future.

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Sports Wrap-up

Men's Soccer

The soccer Griffins finished their season 10-8-0. The team was third in their conference. Senior Jeff Petruso was named to the All-Conference First Team with Scott Kaminski, freshman, Brian Orlando, senior, and Doug Wolff, freshman, named to the All-Conference Second Team. Honorable Mention went to Matt Stockmann, sophomore, and John Giles, senior.

Women's Soccer Coach Named

The Lady soccer Griffins will have a new coach for next season. Harry Amann has been appointed the first varsity women's soccer coach at Fontbonne College — women's soccer was a club team in its first year, 1993.

"This is a great opportunity for me and for Fontbonne," says Amann. "We have a tremendous opportunity to reach local players — and there are several out there — who will want to come to Fontbonne first as committed students and second as committed athletes."

Amann, a native St. Louisan, played soccer while attending Saint Louis University from 1968 to 1970. He played on the National Championship team at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley in 1971

before transferring to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE). In 1973, he received his bachelor of arts degree in biology from SIUE.

Amann continued his soccer career in amateur club programs. He began his coaching career at Bishop Kelly High School in Tulsa, Okla. and led his Busch soccer team to three Missouri State Championships. Amann is a state coach for the Olympic Development Program and currently holds a United States Soccer Federation (U.S.S.F.) nation "B" license. His 1994 summer plans include attending Davidson College to obtain his U.S.S.F. "A" license.

"It was Fontbonne's tradition as a quality college that attracted me," says Amann. "I've been approached by a number of schools to coach for them over the years. I chose Fontbonne because of the school's name and excellent recruits."

The Lady Griffins will have a tough season schedule — playing well-established teams like Maryville University, Principia College, Rockhurst College, and Lindenwood College.

"We'll have to be patient with this program, and we'll work to make women's soccer a college-supported sport," says Amann.

Volleyball

The women's volleyball team ended its season 13-16 overall and 7-5 in its conference. Senior Kathy Walsh

was named to the All-Conference First Team. The Lady Griffins finished fourth and played against several teams including Maryville University, Webster University and Principia College. The volleyball team faced tough competition against National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and other Division III teams.

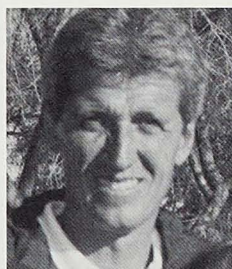
Fontbonne was defeated by Webster University 15-12, 15-8, 15-3 in the championship round of the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference post-season tournament. "This game was an excellent example of how well the ladies can play when they use the skills that they work on so hard in practice," says Coach Paul Woodward.

Men's Basketball

Coach Lee McKinney is beaming about the men's basketball team. The Griffins ended their impressive season 16-1 in their conference, taking the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) title. This is a first-ever accomplishment for the men's basketball team.

"Having our own facility made all of the difference in the world," says McKinney. "We were finally able to experience a home-court advantage! That really paid off."

The Dunham Student Activity Center, named for Fontbonne President Meneve Dunham, Ph.D., houses the court that many Fontbonne athletic teams are now able to call home.



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Freshman Kris Lovette dunks a ball during the championship game.

McKinney says the new facility did two important things for the Griffins, "gave us a place to practice — a place to call home — and helped in recruiting new players."

Stacey Ross, senior, was one of those newly-recruited players. Ross helped the Griffins to gain their conference title and gained a title for himself in the midst — 1994 SLIAC Post-Season Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Stacey Ross and Roy Woods, junior, were named to the All-Conference First Team, with Mark Kronk, junior, and Jason Malott, sophomore, named to the All-Conference Second Team.

McKinney says it takes a lot to be successful, and he owes much of the Griffins' success to "the superb following by Fontbonne fans."

What lies ahead for the Fontbonne Griffins? "Recruiting will be accelerated in the future," says McKinney enthusiastically. "We've been getting inquiries from good players. Good players are attracted to good programs. And our

Fontbonne players are our best recruiting tool. If they're happy at Fontbonne, they tell their friends!"

The Griffins have a lot to tell this year. It was a good season all-around. "Winning makes you have fun," McKinney concluded. "This is the most fun I've had in college coaching in a long time!"

Women's Basketball

The Lady basketball Griffins netted a final standing of 7-5 in their conference and 14-14 overall. The Grifs lost to Blackburn College in the final round of the SLIAC post-season championship tournament 74-59, a tough game. They rounded out their season in second place in the SLIAC conference.

Senior Amy Kruse and sophomore Kim Weiss were named to the All-Conference Second Team. Honorable Mention went to senior Karen Kemp.

"Seniors Karen Kemp and Amy Kruse had tremendous finishes. The basketball team needs to be proud of their accomplishments this year. There's a bright future for women's basketball," says McKinney.



Amy Kruse, Kim Weiss and Karen Kemp are honored after the game.

Norman C. Richards Named Coach for New Fontbonne Sport of Baseball

Norman C. Richards will be the first varsity coach to head up Fontbonne's newest sport — baseball. The baseball Griffins will start their first season next year.

A native of Canton, Mo., Richards attended the University of Missouri at Columbia for two years before transferring to Culver-Stockton College where he lettered in baseball and earned his bachelor's degree in education. Richards received his master's degree in physical education from Northeast Missouri State University.

As head baseball coach at Maryville University from 1986 through 1991, he led the team to the first St. Louis



Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. Richards was chosen as Coach of the Year for the 1989, 1990 and 1991 seasons. His overall record for five seasons was 99 - 63. Richards has been a scout for the Atlanta Braves Baseball Club since 1990 and is a college admissions specialist at Lafayette High School in St. Louis.

A
December
Commencement

History
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Graduates walk to their seats in the Mabee Gymnasium for December's commencement ceremony.

The Mabee Gymnasium in the Dunham Student Activity Center was decked out in the traditional Fontbonne purple and gold along with dashes of festive red and white poinsettias for the season. Instead of clearing the floor for a basketball game, the gym floor was covered by chairs. This date, December 17, 1993, was history in the making for Fontbonne. This was the date of the first *December Commencement*.

Greeting the nearly 150 graduates on this monumental occasion was guest speaker Anne Keefe, journalist.

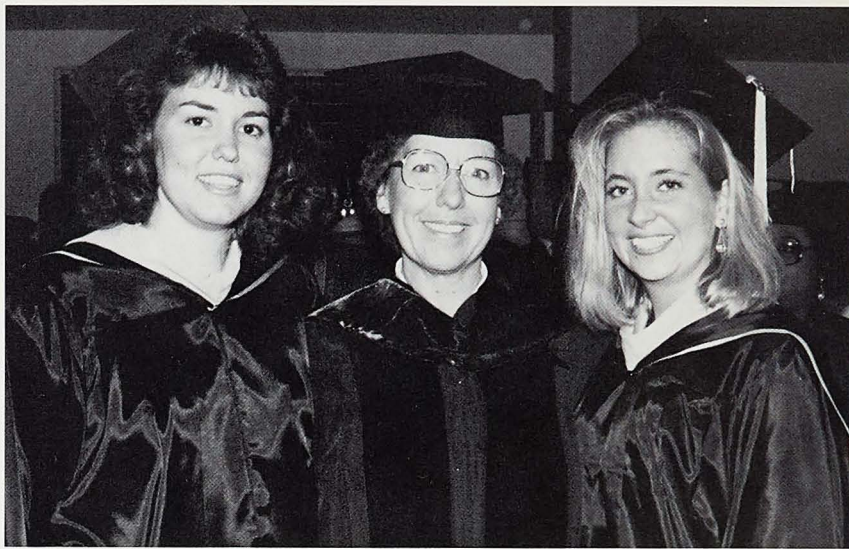
"Take joy in learning," says Keefe, "Have joy and happiness in your accomplishments. What a great step it is to graduate from college. Other countries don't have such educational opportunities. What an honor and privilege it is to go to school.

"Be thankful to all those who gave you loving backing to get you through this accomplishment," she says.

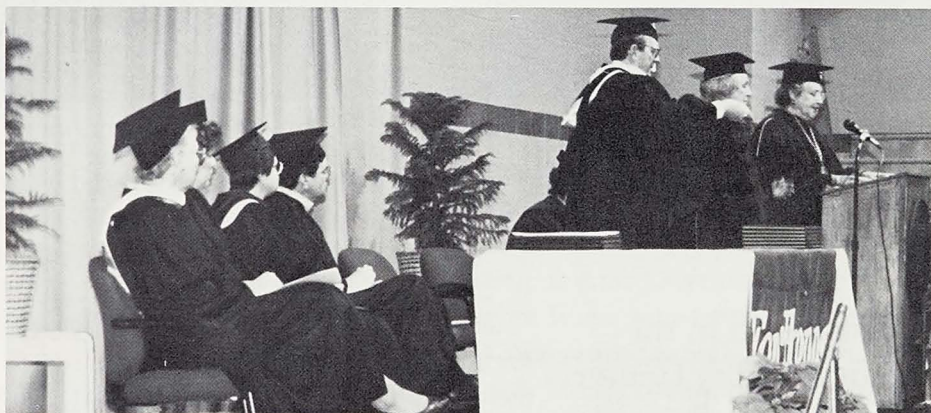
Keefe, who recently left KMOX radio after 17 years as host of "At Your Service," did not let grass grow under her feet after leaving the station. She has now started a new chapter in her St. Louis broadcasting career with an original half-hour discussion program titled, *Conversations with Anne Keefe*, which began in January on KETC Channel 9.

A native of Oswego, N. Y., she received her bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester, where she majored in English and history. She pursued graduate courses in theater and radio at Northwestern University. While there, she won acting roles on national radio programs.

The mother of six children, Keefe is no stranger to television. During the infancy of television in 1949, Keefe volunteered to provide information necessary to promote a fledgling NBC station in New York. At that time, in a field where female broadcasters preferred to do "women's" programs, Keefe created a news department and worked for 25 years as a producer, host, reporter and anchor at the station.

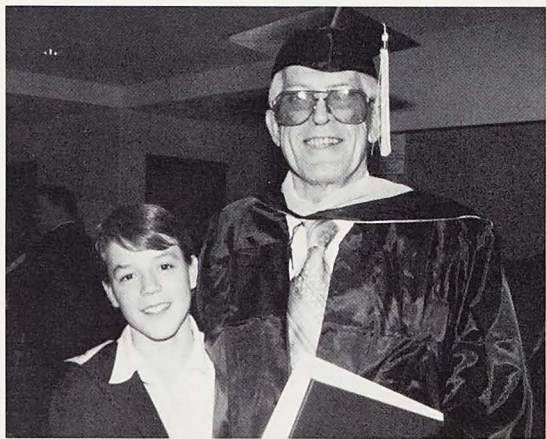


Rita Marie Schmitz, CSJ, chairperson of education/special education, poses proudly with two graduates from her department.



Anne Keefe is bestowed with a doctor of communication arts, honoris causa by Van-Lear Black III, chairman of the board of trustees.

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A graduate poses with his grandson in the lobby of the Dunham Student Activity Center.



Graduates stand in line waiting to enter the Mabey Gymnasium for the ceremony.

“Life is wonderful and you should always see the good side of everything. Know when you have reached success. All too often these days, people don’t know when they have reached that goal. Know contentment in your job, family, community, world and in God’s sight. Stop and say ‘this is good.’”

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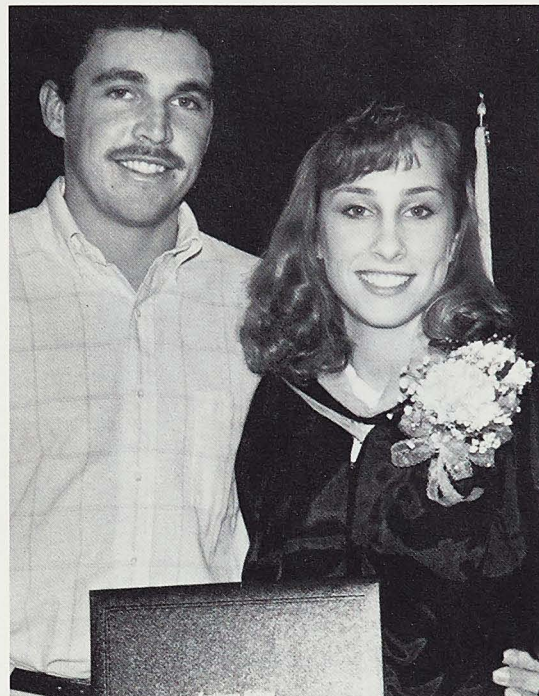
During her tenure at KMOX, Keefe was listed by *Broadcasting Magazine* as one of the top ten talk show hosts in the country.

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“The young today don’t know what they have,” says Keefe. “They should be jubilant about many things — about America, their health, their youth, their strength. Don’t worry so much. These are great years for you.”

Following her address to the graduating class, Keefe was conferred with a doctor of communication arts, honoris causa.

“Through the message she brings to others as a journalist, through her example as a community leader, through her life of giving and caring, Anne Keefe exemplifies the type of leadership to which Fontbonne graduates aspire,” says President Meneve Dunham, Ph.D.



Smiles abound with the diploma in hand.

education graduate, addressed his class during the ceremony. “Emerson said that the characteristic of heroism is persistence. Congratulate yourself — for today we celebrate our persistence. But what lies ahead? What now as you cross the finish line of a major goal? The key is to view tonight not as the finish line, but as the starting line.

Paul Courter, an OPTIONS master’s of

“I would suggest that these chaotic times



A family joins a graduate following the ceremony.

require us to build on the accomplishment honored tonight. For even as we leave tonight we need new goals. Because it is in the setting of goals, revising of goals and striving toward goals that we are renewed each day.

"And what is the reward for all of this?"

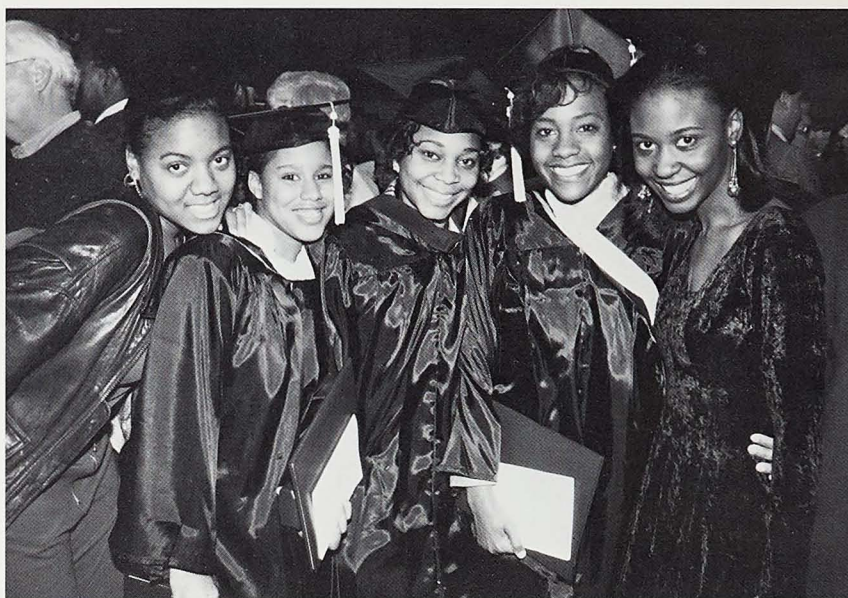
"My immediate reward is a personal and special one. I have an eight-year-old son, P.J., who is here tonight watching me graduate. I wanted him to see that learning is a lifelong process to be treated with great importance and dignity.

"For everyone here there will be rewards. Some immediate . . . some later . . . some when 'the wind dies down.' But be assured, you will be rewarded for what you have accomplished here today."

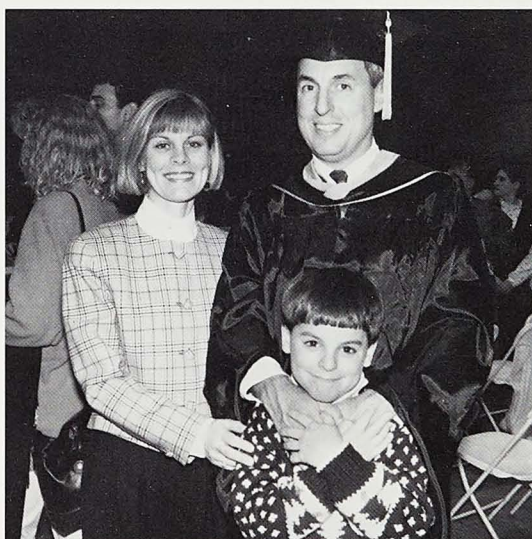
Fontbonne added the ceremony in addition to the spring commencement because of Fontbonne's extraordinary growth in the past four years. With nearly 2,000 students, the Clayton campus is close to capacity. **FCM**



President Dunham confers a degree and a handshake to a graduate.



Graduates gather with friends following the ceremony.



A proud family poses with their graduate.

"But be assured, you will be rewarded for what you have accomplished here today."

-- Paul Courter



Surrounded by his family, a graduate boasts his diploma.

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Taking a Risk

by

Elizabeth Apke Maginn, R.D. '66



I have always considered myself a very conservative and conventional person. Those who knew me in my college days would probably agree. I chose a career in dietetics, set my professional goals quite early in my education, and had my life pretty well mapped out; career, marriage, family and a long, happy life in the St. Louis area surrounded by family and friends. An international career in nutrition and dietetics was certainly not in my plans.

But my life and many of my plans began to change, and although I did not always embrace many of the changes, I knew that I was prepared to handle just about anything life had in store for me. That preparedness and inner confidence were rooted in the following:

First, a stable, loving home life provided by my parents. My sister, Susan Apke Steiner '71, and I were grateful to our parents for our strong Catholic education.

Second, the rock-solid liberal arts and food and nutrition background I acquired at Fontbonne. My memorable instructors aroused my curiosity about the world and my potential to make an impact upon it. They taught a genuine respect for all persons regardless of race, religion, physical ability, gender or nationality.

Third, the strong professional background I gained in several St. Louis hospitals. My externship, internship and employment in these fine institutions have molded much of my professionalism and have been a major influence in both my life and my career.

Next, my wonderful mentors, two of whom are on the Fontbonne faculty today, Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, assistant academic dean and associate professor of human environmental sciences, and Dixie Greer, instructor of human environmental sciences. These wonderful, talented women trained me well, inspired me and, to this day, have the greatest confidence in me.

And last, my husband Reilly Maginn, M.D., a St. Louis surgeon, who has been instrumental in helping me learn not to be afraid to take a calculated risk. At a turning point in his own career (the retirement of his associates), he entered our Crestwood home and suggested, "Let's put the bicycles on the back of the Jeep and go to Butte, Mont. and raise pigs." Well, we did not end up in Butte, and we did not raise pigs, but we took our respective professions to "Big Sky Country" for 5 years . . . and that was the beginning.

The international adventures began as a result of, perhaps, one too many eastern Montana winters of 40 to 50 degrees below zero. While huddling by the fire on one of these evenings in our Miles City, Mont. home, my husband and I wrote to numerous overseas organizations and volunteer programs. We were elated to find that the "family package" of surgeon/dietitian, willing to work for transportation and small salaries or stipends, was much in demand. The world began to open up . . . door by door, and it continues to do so.

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Maginn models "Pulataski," a common native dress for women in Samoa.

Our first destination . . . Pago, Pago, American Samoa.

The United States Territory of American Samoa is a group of volcanic islands about 2,500 miles south of Hawaii in the South Pacific. The main island is 14 miles long and 4 miles wide with one road running the length of it. Samoa is a lush, green tropical paradise with friendly, welcoming

people of Polynesian heritage. They live in small villages with a strong, local "chief system" of rule still in operation for many of the village matters. The elderly are revered for their wisdom and experience. Their ceremonies and traditions are colorful and exciting. Food plays a major role in all aspects of their lives. (Pago Pago is the setting for Somerset Maugham's famous short story "Rain," also known as "Miss Sadie Thompson.")

Obesity, diabetes, heart disease and gout are the major nutrition-related diseases on the island. Because of my strong clinical background, I was sure I could work well



"Fia, Fia" is a celebration Samoa style.

in the LBJ Tropical Medical Center located there. However, to my surprise, I found myself in the classroom, responsible for teaching local teachers how to teach nutrition to their students. I was also responsible for developing a nutrition education curriculum for the entire public school system.

During my second two-year contract in Samoa, I taught nutrition to nursing students in the local Community College School of Nursing. By this time, my classroom skills were well tuned and my knowledge of local foods, food customs and the language enabled me to effectively teach the students about food, nutrition, diet and disease. I was also involved with the Expanded Food and Nutrition Training Program, which allowed several students and me to go into the rural villages weekly and teach the women proper sanitation, food preparation and infant and child feeding. During my last 6 months, I developed a curriculum for a one-year certificate course for training food service workers and managers at the local level. This course was to provide a basis for career opportunities in the local food service establishments.

My education courses at Fontbonne proved to be invaluable. Preparing my classes in Samoa, I remembered sitting in Oliver Overcamp's educational psychology class and thinking "Why am I here? I will never need this." To this day, I am grateful for that particular class and all the other required education classes I took and thought I would never need.

At the end of our American Samoa contracts, my husband and I were recruited by the Mennonite Christian Church to help staff their small hospital serving the Taiwan mountain people in the city of Hualien on the northeastern coast of Taiwan, Republic of China. We boarded the plane with our Mandarin language tapes and arrived in Hualien to find only a handful of North Americans in the area. Very little English was spoken and the Mandarin language we learned from that point on was by "total immersion."

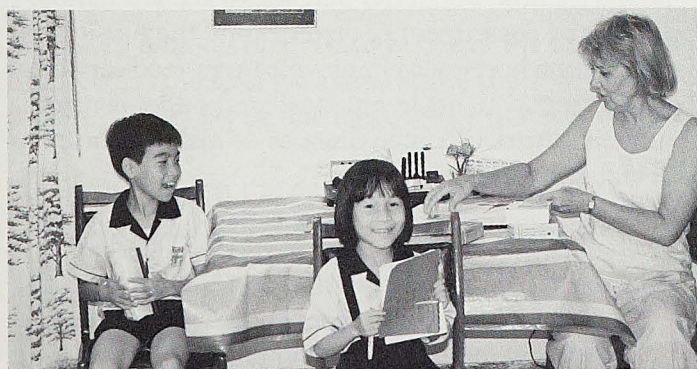
The department of dietetics in the Mennonite Christian Hospital was staffed by two young non-English speaking Chinese women who were interested in experimenting with "western" foods and "western" methods of food

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Maginn purchases fresh fish for the Mennonite Christian Hospital menu in Meilun, Hualien, Taiwan, 1990.

preparation in their institution. When I walked into the hospital kitchen, I found four gigantic institutional woks, two giant soup pots and no utensils other than a few ladles and several sets of oversize chopsticks. My duties were to teach western methods of food preparation, recommend and purchase equipment, such as ovens and microwaves, and conduct taste panels for administrators, physicians and selected board members, all of whom were Chinese. Also, I was responsible for employee inservices and updates on current trends in diabetes education. I used the written word, many gestures and key phrases to communicate. I was also provided with a translator, and that was very helpful. My inservices and classes were well accepted; however, I believe I learned much more than I taught in many circumstances. Within a six-month time frame, I managed to accomplish most of my goals and the administration was pleased.



Maginn teaches after-school English classes to two young Chinese students while in Taiwan.

During my stay in Taiwan, I also taught English to non-English speaking Chinese children. It was most rewarding to see them go from very little communication to a relatively good command of the English language in about six months. They were remarkable because after seven hours of schooling plus homework and one hour of music lessons every day, they were still eager to learn and a joy to work with.

Returning to the U.S. mainland after our Taiwan contract was completed, we found out via the "volunteer grapevine" that the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, a Milwaukee, Wis. based Catholic religious order, was running a hospital — St. Jude — in the West Indies and looking for volunteers. Soon we were on a plane headed for the island of St. Lucia in the Caribbean.

St. Lucia is a small island between Martinique and St. Vincent in the Windward Islands of the Caribbean. The main industries are tourism in the northern part of the island and bananas in the southern part. The banana plantations are large, and the natives that tend them are poor and in need of easily accessible health care for themselves and their families. The nearest government hospital is 30 miles away, transportation is not always available, and the roads are in very poor condition.

St. Jude Hospital was located among the southern banana plantations. It was operating "in the red" and depended solely upon volunteers from all health-care professions to keep its doors open. Upon arrival, the administrator met the plane and greeted me with, "Welcome to St. Jude Hospital, Elizabeth, the kitchen is yours." She then turned to greet the next volunteer. If I have learned one thing in my peripatetic career it is that upon arrival in these island nations there is not much "chit chat" or time for "orientation." You come as a professional and are expected to start doing the best you can do with what you have . . . and you begin day one. It has been my experience that, in all cases, whatever you do is greatly appreciated.

(I owe much of my career flexibility to Rose Genevieve, 'CSJ, and her insistence upon being a "complete dietitian." It was not enough for her students to be good clinical dietitians. They had to have more than "basic

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The St. Jude Hospital cashier's office accepts food as payment for hospital services.

knowledge" in all areas of food and nutrition. She simply insisted upon it. For this training, I will be forever grateful).

I found that "self sufficiency" at St. Jude was one of the reasons that the hospital kitchen operated reasonably cheaply, as we had a minimal food budget. We grew our own fruit and vegetables and raised and slaughtered pigs, sheep and goats for the hospital meals. Many times the hospital relied on payment of patient bills in the form of root vegetables, eggs, fish or any other "payment in kind." We served three meals a day to approximately 50 patients and 25 staff. My duties were to train non-reading, non-writing St. Lucian kitchen employees in basic food service principles, sanitation and quality cooking procedures using local foods. I was also to start a "nutrition outpatient service" to provide preventative nutrition education instruction and materials to those in need.

Our department of dietetics was an open-air kitchen, with water and electricity not always available. The



The department of dietetics at St. Jude Hospital, St. Lucia, in new uniforms created by Maginn.

kitchen employees' spirits were very low due to lack of supplies, poor equipment and a general feeling of failure before they started. One of the first things I did was to have one of the St. Lucian women make simple uniforms for all the workers. From then on, a spirit of unity and pride was created, and we all worked together with a very positive attitude. We achieved a lot that year, and I truly feel that this particular experience was one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs of my entire career.

At St. Jude, our living conditions and social structure were communal. All the volunteers ate together, worked together, played together and watched one half hour of Desert Storm "News from America" every night during the height of the war. There was one television and electricity was sporadic. Our housing was usually a one-room apartment in a renovated nurses' quarters or a hospital room itself . . . you took what was available when you arrived. One automobile was available for all, and it was reserved weekend by weekend if you wanted to travel north to the tourist areas. We made many lasting friendships . . . people of all ages, professions and nationalities, and it is truly amazing how many of these friends we run into as we move around the world from adventure to adventure.

Today I find myself back in the clinical area of dietetics . . . but my five years of food-service experience in the islands has put me very much in demand in this particular area of dietetics, as well. I am now a consultant dietitian to the Commonwealth Health Center on the island of Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands. My duties here are to act as a liaison between the department of dietetics and the nursing service of the hospital to improve patient food service. I also instruct patients in practical methods of controlling their nutrition-related diseases — diabetes, heart and kidney disease.

The challenge of nutrition here is great. The island itself is a United States possession; its Chamorro people are United States citizens. More and more of the foods we are seeing in our markets are imported from mainland USA. There is an influx of fast food, convenience items, high-fat and high-sugar foods. Soda pop is fast becoming the beverage of choice.

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The Chamorro people, by history, are farmers. Today local crops grow on the farmlands. The farmers are exporting many of these crops to outlying islands as Saipan chooses more convenient foods to blend with the ever-changing lifestyles. The nutrition of the population is suffering.

After six months on the island, I realized that another way I could service the people was through the media. I have begun a very successful newspaper column in one of the local newspapers. The column, entitled "Nutrition Island Style" attempts to focus on the local issues of food and nutrition and encourages more wholesome food choices and methods of food preparation of individuals and families. I solicited the local markets and stores for financial support and was very pleased with their encouragement and response. My next project is



A favorite pastime for Maginn is a day at the beach in Manua Island group, American Samoa.

five to 10 minutes of air time on one of the local "rock" stations . . . the message aimed at the youth of the island. (This may be one language I will never master!)

Having been in the profession of dietetics just a little over 25 years, I reflect and come to the conclusion that perhaps it is time to take a long break. I feel I have learned so much over the years, contributed equally as much and made that "impact on the world" that my Fontbonne professors so encouraged me to make . . . in my own small way, of course. At the end of this contract, 1995, my husband and I have decided that we



Reilly and Elizabeth Maginn enjoy a Samoa evening.

would like to return to mainland USA, locate on the Gulf Coast of Florida and sail, sail, sail. In our travels, we have developed a love for sailing and feel that the time is right to sharpen these skills and pursue interests that are not professionally rooted . . . unless . . . well, there is always the possibility of "just one more" professional adventure. **FCM**

Elizabeth Apke Maginn, R.D., '66, or Betty Apke as she was known during her college days, is a native of St. Louis, Mo. She is married with two adult children, Francis T. Eckert III, 25, and Stephen T. Eckert, 23, both living in the St. Louis area. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association.

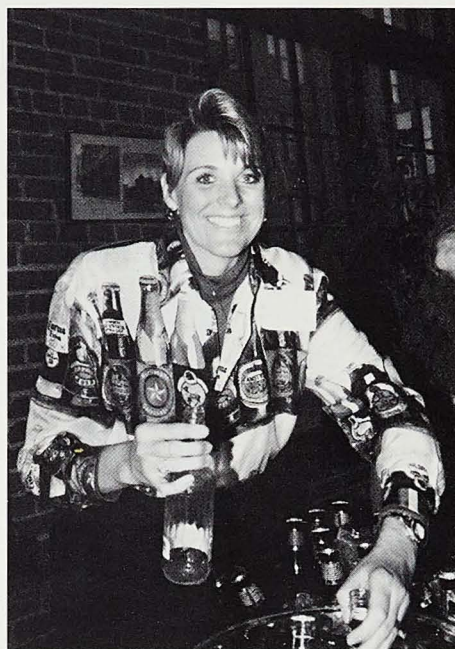
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Alumns Enjoy "Tasting a World of Beers"

More than 225 alumni, students, parents, and friends broadened their beer horizons at the Fontbonne Alumni Association's first annual beer tasting on February 20. Sixty-five imported and microbrewed beers from around the world were featured at the event, held at St. Louis' only micro-brewery, The Saint Louis Brewery.

With complimentary signature pilsner glasses in hand, guests and volunteers alike sampled beers, bratwurst, and Gus' pretzels as honorary co-chairs Wendy Wiese Carter '84 and Mary Ellen Owens '91 announced winners of the raffle drawings. Included in the prizes were a night at a bed and breakfast, a \$50 gift certificate, computer software and a bushel of beers.

And how were the beers? Ron Graef, a Fontbonne OPTIONS student exclaims, "Everything was great except the Woodchuck!" Woodchuck Amber, brewed in Cavendish, Vt., was too sweet for Graef, but was one of Lucy



Lucy Griesedieck Nile '80 gets in on the fun at the "Taste a World of Beers" event.

Griesedieck Nile's '80 favorites. Nile was chair of the event.

According to Nile, Fontbonne's inaugural tasting was a big success. "Not only did we have fun while raising funds for the College, we

also found it was a great way for students, parents and alumni of all ages to interact — especially those who volunteered," says Nile.

"Not being in touch with the current environment at Fontbonne," says Margaret Roth Wester '80, "my husband and I were impressed with the Fontbonne students (with whom they volunteered). They were a great group!" And Sarah Walsh, a Fontbonne sophomore, was just as impressed with the alumni volunteers. "I was surprised at how involved they are. I never realized after graduation how involved you can be," she says.

With the diverse collection of beers and people, Fontbonne beer tasting indeed was a success. Barbara Watson of the Saint Louis Brewery stated, "This event was even more successful" than others hosted by veterans who have been "doing wine and beertastings for years." The Fontbonne volunteers, who Watson described as some of the best she has ever worked with, deserve much credit, Nile emphasizes. "They were real troopers," she says.

So, can a sequel to "Taste a World of Beers" be expected? "Stay tuned!" says Nile.

Jeff Kramer '85 and Anne Sheahan '91 take a break from pouring samples.



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Fontbonne Parents Celebrate at Holiday Reception

Parents of Fontbonne students celebrated more than the holidays at the December 8 Parents' Holiday Reception. They also toasted the Fontbonne Parents' Advisory Council (PAC), a new organization to keep parents informed and involved in their students' education.

Fontbonne College understands the sacrifices many parents make to enable a daughter or son to attend college. The PAC is just one way in which the College attempts to communicate its appreciation for parents. This is evident in the goals of the PAC which are to enhance communications with parents and to create opportunities for parents to get involved through social, educational and information activities.

Some of the activities sponsored by the PAC, with the help of dedicated volunteer parents, include the Holiday Reception and Parents' Back to School Day. Parents who attend these events meet and visit informally with Fontbonne



Marilyn and Charles Diel share an entertaining moment with Fontbonne Trustee Jerry Wamser during the Holiday Reception.

administrators, faculty, and other parents. The Back to School Day provides parents the chance to experience Fontbonne from the student's perspective — in the classroom.

The PAC is a great way for parents to get double the enrichment and fun for their investment in their students' education. If you are interested in the Parents' Advisory Council, please contact Susan LaBombard at (314) 889-1447 for more information.



Parents socialize at the reception in the Arnold Memorial Center.

Holiday Auction Proves Successful and Fun

Holiday auction committee (left to right) Colette Crowley O'Brien '65, Elizabeth Miller Amelotti '77 (chair), Sue McGuire Geile '70, Mary Lou Meyer Lenkman '64, Joyce Sudhoff '79, Mary Joan Woods '68 show off their goodies.



An auction participant holds her new reindeer.

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Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars and Join in The Fun

Shakespeare Lecture with Joan Lescinski, CSJ

Academic Dean

Fontbonne Library, Lewis Room,

Saturday, April 23

9 a.m. to noon

Experience Shakespeare through slides, films and discussion.
Continental breakfast included.

Annual Spring Happy Hour

Freddie Froghammer's

11715 Manchester, Des Peres

Tuesday, May 17

5:30 to 8 p.m.

\$1 draft beers, good cheap food!

VP Fair

July 1 to 4

Ask anyone who volunteered for the beer
tasting to find out how much fun you can
have at Fontbonne's VP booth!
Don't wait for us to call you — call us for
more information at 889-1447!

We'll Publish Your News!

Dear Alumni and Parents:

If the address shown on the *Fontbonne College Magazine* label has changed, please send us the label along with the new information. We want to hear your news! All submissions to Alumni Notes are edited for style and brevity. Send your information to the Alumni Office, Fontbonne College, 6800 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105.

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Your news item _____

Please continue on a separate sheet if needed. Because of space and deadline constraints, some **Alumni Notes** already submitted will appear in the next issue. Thank you for your news.

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Leslie (Schweppe) O'Brian '84 Is in the News and on the Air

Leslie Schweppe '84, otherwise known as "Leslie O'Brian" on KYKY-FM, also known as "K.D." on KDNL-TV FOX 30, previously known as "Sunshine Suzie" on the Imagination Station, is not as hard to describe as her name might imply. She's a successful St. Louis radio and TV personality who was one of the first two students in Fontbonne's broadcasting program, which began in 1980.

O'Brian can now be heard jockeying mid-days on weekends at KYKY-FM (Y98) in St. Louis. She's also been spotted as "K.D." with a fox named "Al" on FOX 30's Kid's Club, her full-time job. Her voice also graces ads on WFXB-FM (The Fox) and KPNT-FM (The Point).

O'Brian began her radio career in Joplin, Mo. at KSYN-FM where she was part of the morning team as news reporter. It was there that her last name changed from "Schweppe" to "O'Brian." "I'm half Irish and half German. I wanted to use my mother's maiden name (Foster), but my boss liked O'Brian," she says.



Leslie (Schweppe) O'Brian '84

In 1990, O'Brian started part-time at Y98 and as a fill-in news reporter for KDNL-TV. She then went to the Imagination Station, a children's radio station, as assistant program director and full-time disc jockey "Sunshine Suzie." In 1992, Fox 30 asked her to audition for the Kid's Club host — and she landed the position, as Kid's Club personality "K.D."

O'Brian, or K.D., serves as the assistant coordinator of Kid's Club, a public service program designed especially for making learning fun. She records 30-second public service announcements that are educational, give kids ideas for fun activities, and tell them where she'll be appearing with "Al" the fox.

"Our 'Earthkeeper Kids' program teaches them about recycling, the rainforest, and other environmental issues in which kids can get involved," says O'Brian.

Although she's in the business of kids' stuff, her job is not easy. "It's very research intensive. I do a lot of reading and work closely with other area programs that are geared toward kids' education. I also do a lot of promotions.

"I love working with the kids. They make me feel good, and it's great to know that I'm making a positive impact on their lives. 'Sunshine Suzie' (from the Imagination Station) got me hooked!"

O'Brian makes appearances every Saturday at the Kids' Club-spon-

sored "Penny Matinee." "It's a family event where each person can get into the theatre for 30 cents and all proceeds go to St. Louis Children's Hospital," she says.

She loves the kids, but her "first love is radio." O'Brian says, "I've always listened to the radio. It was very mysterious to me. As a teenager, I was fascinated with it. I used to call up and ask radio stations questions — I didn't care with whom I was talking. I rode my bike around Clayton touring the different stations. I would literally walk in and ask if I could look around!"

"I thought, 'there's no way I could do this, it sounds too hard.' I wanted to go into art, but I did a co-op with the Broadcast Center, and I knew radio was for me. I joined Fontbonne's broadcasting program."

Fontbonne's program allowed O'Brian to get real-world experience and a liberal arts degree. "I'm glad I did it that way. Many just go through trade school, but I feel my four-year degree makes me well-rounded and gives me more credibility. I took a variety of classes that exposed me to more things like art history and English," she says.

O'Brian has many thanks for all the teachers who served as positive role models while she was at Fontbonne. She also gives this advice to future radio personalities, "Do a lot of internships, work hard, learn as much as you can, even if it's at small stations. And keep your options open for new experiences."

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Alumni Notes

1930s

Vita Viviano D'Artega '30 holds the office of chairman of the Padre Pio Spiritual Followers. They meet at St. Joseph's Shrine, which has been restored to its former splendor.

1950s

Joan Prost Coerver '50 is teaching clothing construction classes at St. Louis Community College — Florissant Valley, in the continuing education department, after retiring from 30 years of full-time teaching. She is active as a church organist and on the pro-life committee.

1960s

Elizabeth A. Messmer '61 is a math teacher at Lakenheath American Middle School in England and was inducted into the Phi Delta Kappa England chapter in May.

The Honorable Marcia K. Walsh '65, a Kansas City Municipal Judge, was selected to be a Fulbright Scholar by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the United States Information Agency. She taught law at St. Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia, for a six-month term. She has served as a Municipal Judge since 1983.

Joan Dembowski Pottinger '67 interned this summer at the Archaeological Resource Center in

York, England. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from UM — Rolla in December, summa cum laude with honors.

1970s

Mary Bellino Van Deven '73 is enjoying her new and challenging job as the supported education facilitator for School District 54 in Schaumburg, Ill. This is the job she has dreamed of ever since she became a special education teacher in 1989.

JoAnn Bundschuh Gallen '77 has been appointed to a three-year term on the St. Gerard Majella School Board in Kirkwood, Mo.

Mary Monaco Herring '77 represented Fontbonne College at the inauguration of James F. Traer as president of Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

Mary Boucher Jones '78 completed a master's degree in speech pathology at Butler University in 1990. She currently owns her own practice as an auditory-verbal therapist, serving families of hearing impaired children.

1980s

Catherine Einspanier Moore '83 has artwork available at Graphic Traffic in the St. Louis Galleria.

Tracy S. Harris '85 has been named assistant vice president, public finance at Financial Guarantee Insurance Corporation (FGIC). FGIC is a major bond insurer in New York City. She will complete her second master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Fels School of Government, in December.

Susan Elizabeth Wilkins Saputo '87 was presented the Missouri Home Economics Teacher Association (MoHETA) New Professional Award at the MoHETA recognition luncheon on July 28. While at Fontbonne, she served as vice president of the American Home Economics Association — Student Member Association (AHEA- SMS).

1990s

Susan Swope '93 will be entering St. Louis University School of Medicine in August 1994.

B. Kent Turner '93 has been elected vice president, rates and operations analysis, of St. Louis County Water Company. Turner, a certified public accountant who received a master of science in taxation at Fontbonne, joined Missouri Water Company, a sister company of County Water, in 1985, and in 1986 he joined County Water as manager of corporate accounting.

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Marriages

Mindy Eaton '93 and Scott Meier, June '93.

Births

Mary Sue Metzger Curless '78 and her husband are celebrating the birth of Neil Lawrence, born July 2.

Mary Boucher Jones '78 and her husband announce the birth of Patrick Michael, born August 14.

Theresa Fitzgerald Fischer '83 and her husband Joe announce the birth of their daughter, Marissa Gabrielle, born December 6.

Catherine Einspanier Moore '83 and her husband Stephen proudly announce the birth of Charles James on October 20.

Christy Guilfooy Brick '85 and her husband Phillip are celebrating the birth of Andrew Ryan, born August 17.

Beth Ringo Werkmeister '89 and her husband Brian proudly announce the birth of Bradley Ryan, born August 13.

Deaths

The Fontbonne College Alumni Association expresses sympathy to the families of the following alumni who died:

Kathryn Wahl Yoch '35,
Dorothy James Cortese '38,
Sister Ann Elizabeth Hassett '40,
Gloria Pandjiris, NM '44,
Phyllis Fitterer Fennerty '50,
Elizabeth Killmade Hayes '53,
Charline Griesel Engel '59,
Anita Gulli Gedville '59,
Sister Agnes Puricelli '61,
Sister Barbara Verheyen '62,
Sister Rose Marie Morris '81.

The Alumni Association also expresses sympathy to the following alumni on the death of an immediate relative:

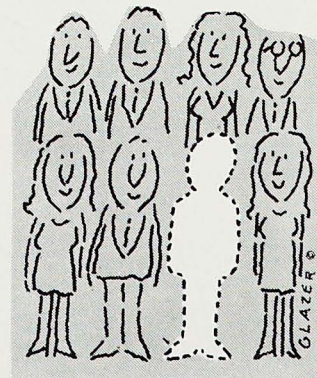
Carolyn Caudle Berra '76 (father),
Christy Guilfooy Brick '85 (father),
Mary Weber Bulger '61 (mother),
Helen Cataldi Catanzaro '50 (brother-in-law, Carlo Rao, M.D.),
Carol Ann Ries Catanzaro '58 (husband),
Marilyn Trapp Condon '58 (mother),
Linda Shamel Delaney '63 (husband),
Marilyn Schmidt Diel '65 (father),
Mary "Corky" Hagemann Fennell '69 (mother),
Mary Crimmins Fisher '32 (husband & son, John J.),
Jeanne Klemeyer Fenton '56 (mother),
Jane Mitchellette Hanneken '52 (husband),
Patricia A. Hayes '68 (father),
Agnes Sommer Letourneau '33 (husband),
Hilda Bantle Lowell '61 (father),
Marilyn Kern Lupo '76 (daughter, Maria C.),
Catherine Meyer Martini '51 (brother, Ferd Meyer),
Margery O'Rourke McNully '59 (father),
Leontone Meyer '35 (brother, Ferd Meyer),
Mary Meyer Ott '42 (brother, Ferd Meyer),
Alice Cataldi Rao '51 (husband),
Barbara Schmidt Schlueter '70 (father),
Margaret Schmidt, CSJ '59 (brother, Frederick Schmidt),
Erica Bantle Smith '68 (father),
Patricia Trapp Strassburger '52 (mother),
Patricia Meyer Swope '49 (brother, Ferd Meyer),
Barbara Volk, CSJ '58 (father),
Gertrude Lowell Volk '54 (husband),
Sue Harter Wachter '60 (mother).

Have We Missed You?

Fontbonne College alumni recently were notified that our new Alumni Directory would soon be available. But we want to make sure you are included and that we have correct information. When you receive your questionnaire in May, please complete the form and return it as soon as possible to ensure that you are not left out!

In September you will hear personally from the Harris Publishing Company, the official publisher of our directory. A Harris representative will telephone you to verify your information and to offer you the opportunity to reserve a copy of the directory. Since this will be your only opportunity to order the book and to verify your listing, please be sure to give a few moments of your time to the representative.

The Fontbonne College Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in November/December 1994, will be the definitive guide to our nearly 8,000 alumni. Don't miss the chance to be a part of it!



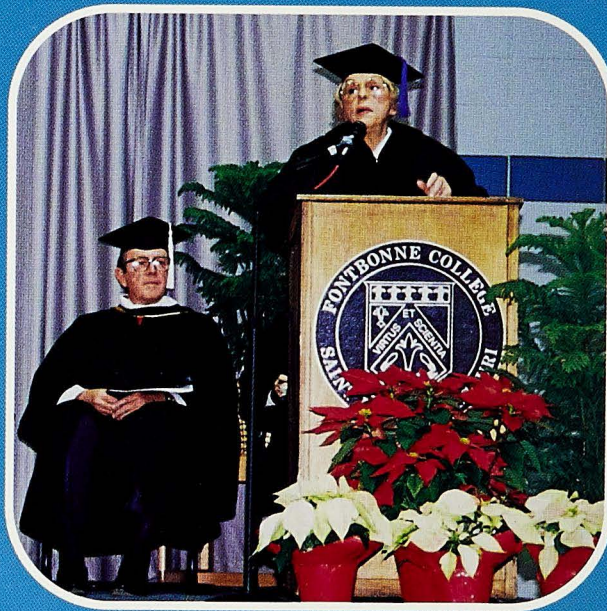
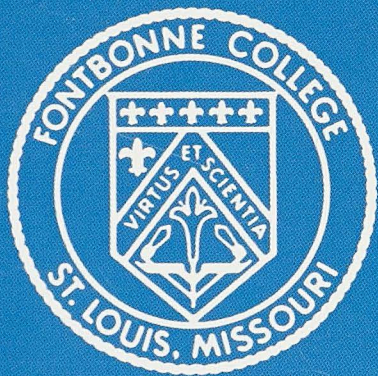
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