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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 12--Shakespeare's Hamlet, as filmed by Laurence Olivier, begins its third week at the Shady Oak theatre on Hanley and Forsythe roads. Student tickets for all performances are still available.
- October 12 to end of the month, 11:55 a.m.--Recitation of the Rosary in the chapel.
- 12 to 16--Exhibit at City Art museum of fifty-six religious paintings.
- October 12 to Nov. 14--"Mississippi Panorama," an art exhibit of more than 300 items depicting life on the Mississippi in the 19th century, to be displayed at City Art museum.
- October 13, 12:10 p.m.--First meeting of the CSMC in the Recital room of Fine Arts.
- 12:50 p.m.--Student assembly addressed by Right Rev. Msgr. Julius W. Haun, director of the English department, St. Mary's college, Winona, Minn. All afternoon classes will be held one hour late.
- October 14, 8:30 a.m.--Opening Exercises of COLLEGE DAY
- 14 and 15--St. Louis University Homecoming
- 14, 7:30 p.m.--"Is America Immune to Communism?", round table discussion at Lindenwood college with Mary Therese Hartigan and Marilyn Hummert participating; to be broadcast over Station KCLC
- 15--Feast of Saint Teresa of Avila
- 16--NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. See explanation of the text of the Sunday's Mass in the St. Louis Register or in St. Andrew's Missal.
- 16, 3 p.m.--Homecoming meeting in Medaille hall for officers of the Mothers' and Fathers' clubs, Student Council, Resident Students' council, Pep Club, senior classes of Fontbonne and the Academy, and the alumnae associations.
- 3 p.m.--Meeting of Fontbonne alumnae association in Medaille hall
- 8:15 p.m.--Te Deum Forum at Kiel opera house with Fr. Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., the "Glacier Priest", speaking on "The Roles of China and Alaska in the Future of the World."
- 17--Feast of Saint Margaret Mary
- 18--Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist
- 18, 12:10 noon--Meetings of Modern Language clubs
- 18, 12:10--Meeting of Home Economics club in the Clothing room, Science bldg.
- 18, 3 p.m.--Student assembly addressed by Peggy Murphy, campus representative of the NFCCS, and Mary Therese Hartigan, regional chairman of NSA
- 18, 4 p.m.--Party, with root beer and pretzels, given to school by the freshman class in appreciation of the hospitality of Orientation Week
- 18, 7 p.m.--Fr. Patrick J. Molloy lectures on "The City of St. Louis from the Civil War to the Present Time" at Des Peres hall, St. Louis U, under auspices of the Mayor's Council and the Catholic Interracial Council
- 19, 7 p.m.--Lay faculty dinner at Hrdlicka's cafe, 3126 Cherokee st.
- 19, 8 p.m.--Homecoming rally at Fontbonne
- 20--Opening of the annual campaign of the Greater St. Louis Community Chest
- 21, 2:30 p.m. over WEW and 6:30 over WEW-FM--Fontbonne program on "Tune in the Colleges". Nancy Lanza, Evelyn Post, and Joyce Higgins, pianists, will play impressionistic music.
- 22--Fourteenth Annual Fontbonne Homecoming
- 23--Mission Sunday
- 23 to 30--The statue of the Pilgrim Virgin will be honored in St. Louis Cathedral
- 24--United Nations Day
- 24, 8:15 p.m.--"Jenny Kissed Me" by Joan Kerr presented by the Footlights Club in the auditorium under the direction of Miss Belle M. Mullins
- 25, 3 p.m.--Student assembly with Red Cross program, Marie Josephine Carr, college field worker, presiding
- November 5--The deadline for entering manuscripts for "Annual Anthology of College Poetry" published by the National Poetry Association
- 6--Giuseppe Di Stephano, Metropolitan opera tenor, will sing at the St. Louis Symphony orchestra at Kiel auditorium under the auspices of the Fontbonne Alumnae association
- N.B. Oct. 12 is observed as the anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Louis. The Mass "terribilis" is celebrated on the day and commemorated during the following seven days, the octave.

THE WISE MEN OF KING ARTHUR'S REIGN will visit the campus on Oct. 14, when Merlin foresees Fontbonne and its activities in the skit prepared for the celebration of College Day. Ruth Raupp, June Kronsbein, and Geraldine Alfert acted as judges of the material submitted this week, with Ruth also casting the various roles from students who volunteered. Other news of the program of College Day fills page 4 of this Font Letter.

MARY THERESA HARTIGAN of the sophomore class presided Oct. 11 at a meeting of the NSA which decided to hold a Missouri Regional convention at Missouri university, Columbia, on Dec. 2, 3, and 4. Both member and non-member colleges within the region will be invited to attend. The developing of student government in the campus community will be the central theme of the meeting, and a section of the program will be devoted to a student-government clinic. In line with the aims of the NSA, the convention will also sponsor a regional art display. Schools represented at this week's meeting, which was held at Washington university, were Washington, St. Louis, and Missouri universities, and Webster, Maryville, and Fontbonne colleges. The next meeting will be in the Student Activities bldg, Washington U, on Nov. 6.

Numbering 96 this year, the SOPHOMORE CLASS on the campus is the largest in the history of Fontbonne. No previous sophomore class exceeded 75 students. The total enrollment, including students who registered late, likewise reached an all-time peak with 618 students. This number includes students on the campus for week-day classes, students coming for Saturday classes, and novices and postulants studying at Carondelet. Of the full-time students, exclusive of novices and postulants, fifty-five will receive their degrees in June 1950; fifty are juniors; and one hundred and eleven are freshmen.

HOMECOMING DAY, OCTOBER 22, will have a rally Oct. 18 in the gym and a parade the morning of the event among its new features this year, in addition to the dance sponsored by the senior class. A committee headed by Joan McCartney is handling "bids" at \$1.50 per couple. Girls are to wear date dresses and no corsages. White mums will be sold by the Pep Club. Refreshments also are to be sold and served in the cafeteria. Full smoking privileges will be allowed in the cafeteria only.



A WHITE ELEPHANT BOOTH is another novelty this year. Students are urged to bring gifts for this concession, where they will be sold for 25¢, after being attractively wrapped by members of the Home Economics and Delta Phi art clubs. The gifts need not be valuable, nor entirely new, but in good condition. They may be useful or ornamental articles, and of any size. The co-chairmen ask that the articles be brought for wrapping to the Clothing room, 322 Science bldg., any time from Monday to Thursday of next week.

All proceeds from all activities of Homecoming go to the college for the building fund of the new hall, Medaille. Mrs. E. L. Kaiser of the Mothers' club and Mr. A. L. Clasquin of the Fathers' club are co-chairmen of the event, and Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, professor of sociology, is chairman of the steering committee of officers of Fontbonne organizations.

The concert of GIUSEPPE DI STEFANO, brilliant young Metropolitan opera star invited to St. Louis by the Fontbonne alumnae, will be prepared for at their first meeting to be held next Sunday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m. in Medaille hall. The performance, in which the Symphony orchestra under the direction of Vladimir Golschmann will support Mr. Di Stefano, will take place in Kiel auditorium Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6, at 3:30. Vita Viviano is general chairman, and Madeline Dawkins co-chairman. Alumnae participation in Homecoming will also be advanced at Sunday's meeting. Mrs. Donnell Kuntz (Pat Duggan) is chairman of the cake booth at Homecoming.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS: Make sure that your cap and gown are both plainly marked with YOUR NAME IN FULL. Such identification will eliminate much unnecessary confusion and prevent the probable loss of your cap or gown.

ENGAGED: Beverly Goldwyn, a music major, has announced her engagement to I. H. Harris of San Antonio, Texas. They plan to marry soon after her graduation in August. Jo Haloy, a former member of this year's senior class who is now at St. Louis university, will be married to James Cobb, a student at Harris Teachers' college, on Nov. 16 at Blessed Sacrament church.

Requested to supplement the staff at the USO in Belleville, Ill., Fontbonne students are preparing to attend their second dance there. This will be held Oct. 15 from 8 to 11 p.m., and a bus for students will leave the St. Louis Cathedral at 6:45. Mary Louise Lennemann and Geraldine Alfort are co-chairmen of the party, and will collect 50¢ for the round-trip fare. Only fifty day students may attend, and each must present a written permission from her parent. The music for the Fontbonne song was sent this week at the request of the director of the Scott Field band, which plays for the dances.

Thirty day students formed the first group to go to the Belleville USO, leaving Fontbonne by special bus Oct. 8, accompanied by Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay of the faculty and Mr. A. L. Clasquin of the Fathers' club. Father Eugene Lamb, chaplain at Scott Field, and four heads of Catholic organizations sponsoring these social activities visited Fontbonne Oct. 11 to solicit further co-operation.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS, Fontbonne's French club, will hold its initial meeting next Tuesday, Oct. 18, in Room 311 Ryan hall at 12:10 noon. The main feature of the meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year. The general topic for the future meetings will then be discussed. The moderator, Sister Mary Berchmans, invites all students who are interested to attend this first meeting.

Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay will preside Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 8 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA as moderator of a discussion on THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION. A thirty-minute motion picture on Russia will open the program. Fontbonne students are invited to attend, particularly members of the IRC.

To introduce prospective members of DELTA PHI to its varied calendar of activities, the art club held an open house on Oct. 11 for students possessing that artistic urge. New members will be selected from among the guests at this affair and their names are to be announced at the next meeting Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Sister Teresa Mary, moderator, and the members of the CSMC UNIT have requested the Font Letter to convey their genuine appreciation of the generosity of the student body which on Oct. 11 contributed the largest sum ever gathered in a tag-day collection, \$41.73. Added to this was \$4.85 left in the mite boxes in the cafeteria and book store, and \$7.97 which accumulated during the summer in the mite box which Iris Baker, freshman, kept in her home for her family's contributions. So the total for October now stands at \$54.55.

The RESIDENT STUDENTS have plans for a Halloween dance in the gymnasium Oct. 31. Their invitations have gone to the presidents of the Student Councils of the Law, Medical, Dental, and IT schools of St. Louis university, and the officers of the Newman club of Washington university.

Visiting his friends at Fontbonne Oct. 12 was Fr. John Honsgen, C.S.S.R., former lecturer in Religion. He is now stationed at the Redemptorist church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

An idea which originated at Fontbonne was carried out at a meeting last Thursday when plans were made to create a union of the INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUBS of the St. Louis area. Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, moderator of the Fontbonne IRC, is on the committee of sponsors of this federation, as is Dr. Samuel Johnson of the St. Louis Council of World Affairs. One of the objectives of this organization will be to attract as speakers U.S. and foreign dignitaries.

The drive for the sale of tickets for the TE DEUM FORUM will be intensified this week when a booth will be set up in the den and orders taken in the bookstore. Season tickets for students are \$1.50. Fr. Bernard R. Hubbard, S.J., the "Glacier Priest", will open the series next Sunday at 8:15 in Kiel auditorium, speaking on "The Roles of China and Alaska in the Future of the World". Six other speakers will appear, one each month until April.

A new method for selecting the QUEEN OF THE SODALITY FALL FESTIVAL, one that increases Fontbonne's chance to obtain the regal honor, was adopted at the meeting of the College Sodality Union at Chouteau House last Sunday. The plan previously in vogue, by which the school which collected the most money had its maid named as queen, is discarded in favor of a drawing by lot. For every \$100 that a school obtains, its representative will receive a ballot, and at the end of the evening the ballots will be shuffled in the traditional hat and one of them drawn out and the maid whose name it bears will be the queen.

The main object of last Sunday's meeting was to impress the idea that aid to the missions is the sole aim of the Fall Festival, and so talks on the work of the missions were given by Sister M. Alfred of Fontbonne and representatives of the Sisters of Loretto, the Sisters of Mercy, and the Jesuit Fathers.

Fontbonne will be host for the next Sodality Union Meeting to be held November 13, when committees working on the Fall Festival will give their final reports. Lilly Vitt, who will work with the Women's Sodality of the University, is the advertising representative from Fontbonne; Betty Roer, working with the Arts Sodality, is on the decoration committee; and Jacqueline Wilkerson is on the booth committee.

Students who are on probation to become members of the Sodality are requested to see Patti Trapp, chairman of Our Lady's Committee, as soon as possible.

Take your new Student Activities Calendar, turn to the page marked January 25, and write "Fr. Raymond J. Ireland, S.J.," for that is the name of the RETREAT MASTER for this scholastic year. He is a member of the Jesuit Mission Band, residing at St. Joseph's hall, Decatur, Ill.

If you do not have the new bright-colored booklet, don't let anyone know of your misfortune, but slip quietly into the den, preferably at noon, cross the palm of any available member of the student council with 25¢, receive one of the new calendars, and pretend you've had it all the time. So far almost half--about 180--of the supply of calendars has been purchased.

IMPRESSIONIST MUSIC will form the program with which Fontbonne will open its set of broadcasts in the series "Tune in the Colleges" given over WEW at 2:30 Friday afternoons by Maryville, Webster, and Fontbonne in turn. On the program Oct. 21, the pianists will be Nancy Lanza, playing two numbers by Debussy, "Le Serenade Interrompue" and "Minstrels"; Evelyn Post, playing Debussy's "Bruyeres"; and Joyce Higgins, playing the Second Movement of a Sonatine by Ravel and "Birds of Paradise" by Niemann. Nancy Lanza is a senior from Quincy, Ill., Evelyn Post is a sophomore from Washington, Mo., and Joyce Higgins is a sophomore from St. Louis.

Participation of other campus clubs in the annual PENNY CIRCUS was authorized at the meeting of the FAA Oct. 11. Each club has been requested to conduct a booth or other activity. The terms of the arrangements with the clubs are that if the club supplies its own material, it will be given one-half of the profits on its concession; and if it does not supply its material, it will be given one-third of its profits. Other regulations adopted at this meeting are that money for votes for representatives must be in by 5 p.m. the evening of the circus, Nov. 4, and also that class representatives for queen must be members of the FAA. The bulk of the funds coming to the FAA from the circus will be put in that club's scholarship fund, which is open to students wishing help with their college tuition.

"THE FONT" GREETES "THE FOUNTAIN". In keeping with the name of the college and of the other campus publications, the title "The Fountain" has been selected for Fontbonne's new literary magazine. Contributions for the first issue, to be published in December, should be placed on or before Oct. 30 in the mail box reserved for "The Fountain" in the Information office, or given to any of the staff members, who are Sue DeLisle, Hortense Prost, Mary Ann Pierce, Dorothy Hickey, Patti Trapp, Tres Lyons, Patricia McCarthy, and Marguerite Unrein.

MSGR. JULIUS W. HAUN, D.D., PH.D., will speak at this week's assembly, which has been placed at 12:50 Thursday, Oct. 13. Widely known in college circles, he is head of the department of English at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn., and an officer in the North Central Association of Colleges. Coming to Fontbonne from a morning train, Msgr. Haun will offer Mass in the chapel when he arrives, and students are invited to attend when they hear the chapel bell. On account of this assembly, ALL AFTERNOON CLASSES WILL BE HELD ONE HOUR LATER than their usual time.

Jenny Kissed Me, a recent Broadway production by Joan Kerr of the Catholic University of America, will be presented by the FOOTLIGHTS CLUB on Monday, Oct. 24, 8:15 p.m., in the auditorium. The cast for the play includes Joan Anderson, Charles Sargeant, Vincent Mullarky, Carmelita Schnelg, Barbara Sullivan, Rosemary Archangel, Lois Hough, Nancy Furtell, Ann Robey, Joan Reid, Daniel Poolman, Catherine Miceli, Georgianne Landy, and Joseph O'Toole.

Directed by Miss Belle Marie Mullins, head of the speech department, the play will be a part of Homecoming celebrations. The production staff for back-stage work includes Joan Reid, Connie Fiedler, Jane Mitchelllette, Rosemary Archangel, Mary Therese Hartigan, Lois Hough, Ann Robey, Carmelita Schnelg, Georgianne Landy, Mary Lee Byrnes, Catherine Miceli, and Barbara Sullivan.

Student tickets may be secured free-of-charge in the Registrar's office. Additional tickets may be obtained from members of the Footlights Club for 75¢ each.

A slight change in THE GRADING SYSTEM at Fontbonne was made at the first regular faculty meeting of the year, Oct. 6. It was voted to discontinue the use of the "E" grade. From now on, if the work of a student is too poor to warrant a passing grade of "D", she will receive an "F" in the course.

The prayers of the Fontbonne family are requested for the repose of FORMER POSTMASTER ROBERT E. HANNEGAN, who died Oct. 5. Mr. Hannegan, outstanding as a Catholic layman, had been a pupil of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Holy Rosary school here.

Mary Therese Hartigan and Marilyn Hunnert will REPRESENT FONTBOONE on the round table discussion at Lindenwood college being broadcast over KCLC from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 14 in the program "Let's Talk It Over." The students were selected by Miss Belle Marie Mullins and Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, as their presentation is a co-project of the speech and sociology departments, the subject being "Is America Immune to Communism?"

THE SOPHOMORE-SPONSORED TENNIS CLASS being conducted by Mr. Earl Buchholz will meet every Monday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. At present thirty-five girls have signed up for the lessons which will cost \$7.25 a semester and will also include all the privileges enjoyed by members of the St. Louis Tennis Club. The sophomores announce that girls with late classes should come when they have finished.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLEGE DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1949

Students are requested to read these instructions carefully and then to keep them for reference.

Assembling at 8:30: Lay Faculty, non--Council Room; women--Miss Mullins' Studio; Religious Faculty--Blue Parlor
Seniors, Room 301 Ryan Hall
Juniors, Room 303 Ryan Hall
Sophomores, Den, Ryan Hall
Freshmen, Fine Arts Parlors, prepared with gown carried on left arm and caps in hand.

Order of Procession: Classes in this order, with class officers first in rank--Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, FRESHMEN
Faculty

Procession: From Ryan Hall to Fine Arts Building via Science Arcade, the Horse Shoe, across Center of Front Campus (fish pond area) to Fine Arts Foyer.

Places in Auditorium: 1. Sophomores ON THE RIGHT SIDE as you enter, occupying ten rows to purple ribbon
2. Juniors ON THE LEFT SIDE, occupying five rows after purple ribbon
3. Seniors ON THE LEFT SIDE, in ten rows after yellow ribbon
4. Freshmen ON THE RIGHT SIDE, in ten rows in front
5. Faculty ON THE LEFT SIDE, in five rows in front
(Four officers of Student Association go immediately to stage)

Program at 8:45: School Song, then
Words of Greeting from each of the four officers of Student Association; then officers of Senior Class go to the stage, for:
Investiture of Freshmen in Caps and Gowns, eight Freshmen going to the stage at one time; then
Hymn

Order of Recession: Faculty, FRESHMEN, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores. Then, right about face in front of Ryan Hall so as to secure proper formation going into Chapel.

Places in Chapel: 1. Sophomores on RIGHT SIDE, 12th pew after purple ribbon
2. Juniors on LEFT SIDE, 11th pew after purple ribbon
3. Seniors on LEFT SIDE, 6 pews after yellow ribbon
4. FRESHMEN on RIGHT SIDE, 11 pews in front
5. Faculty on LEFT SIDE, first five pews
Some sophomores will occupy chairs after all pews are filled

High Mass in Chapel at 9:30: Preceded by Tribute to Saint Joseph; Sermon by Fr. Patrick Molloy, St. Peter Claver Church, Robertson, Mo. Singing of the Ordinary of the Mass will be according to "Our Sung Mass" and will be done by the congregation; all are urged to participate in the singing, at least of the familiar responses. HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE GIVEN.

Recessional from Chapel will be followed by Decorating of Cars

Luncheon will be about 11:30 in the Cafeteria

Skits will be presented at 1 p.m. in the Auditorium

Motor-Parade to Carondelet will commence about 1:30 p.m., with cars in this order:
automobiles of Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen; then busses.

Visiting at Carondelet will be concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Carondelet Chapel at 4 p.m.

The faculty and all students are to be in academic dress for the morning exercises. Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, director of the department of sociology, will be marshall of the academic procession, and will be assisted by Rosemary Stapenhorst and Mary Louise Lennemann. The tribute to St. Joseph will be given by the sodality representatives of the four classes, Peggy Murphy, Patsy Hayes, Sally Smith, and Kathleen Shaughnessy. The freshmen will be invested in cap and gown by the officers of the Student Association--Rosemary Stapenhorst, Mary Louise Lennemann, Geraldine Alfort, June Kronsbein--and those of the Senior Class--Teresa Reid, Marilyn Jennings, Jo-Ann Monnig, Barbara Quick. Marilyn Miller and the other members of the committee in charge of the parade of decorated cars request that students who are to ride in the busses register their names promptly, and that students driving cars register their cars and the passengers they will carry, this so that no cars will be overcrowded.

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