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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 19--The Red Danube, a notable film on the evils of communism, begins at Loew's Orpheum Theatre, 416 N. Ninth st.
- October 19 to the end of the month, 11:55 a.m.--Recitation of the Rosary in the chapel.
- October 19 to Nov. 14--"Mississippi Panorama," an art exhibit of more than 300 items depicting life on the Mississippi in the 19th century, displayed at City Art Museum.
- October 19, 7 p.m.--Lay faculty dinner at Hrdlicka's cafe, 3126 Cherokee st.
- 8 p.m.--Homecoming rally sponsored by the Mothers' and Fathers' clubs in the auditorium. The Pep Club will provide skits and other entertainment.
- October 20--Opening of the annual campaign of the Greater St. Louis Community Chest for support of one hundred agencies, among them the institutions visited by Fontbonne last year.
- 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of the F.A.A. in Ryan 301.
- 6:30 p.m.--Meeting of Delta Phi in the art room.
- 12 m.--Living Rosary in the chapel under the sponsorship of the Sodality. Students interested are asked to sign the notice on the bulletin board.
- Oct. 20, 21, 22, and 23, 8:15 p.m.--Presentation of "The Tavern" of George M. Cohan at St. Louis university auditorium.
- October 21, 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of Phi Beta Chi, science club, in the Science library.
- 2:30 p.m. over WEW and 6:30 p.m. over WEW-FM--Program of impressionistic music on "Tune in the Colleges" by Fontbonne pianists Nancy Lanza, Evelyn Post, and Joyce Higgins.
- October 22--FOURTEENTH ANNUAL FONTBONNE HOMECOMING. See details on page 4.
- October 23--TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. See the explanation of the text of the Sunday's Mass in the St. Louis Register or in St. Andrew's Missal.
- Mission Sunday.
- October 23 to 30--The statue of the Pilgrim Virgin will be honored in the St. Louis cathedral.
- October 24--United Nations Day
- 8:15 p.m.--"Jenny Kissed Me" by Jean Kerr presented by the Footlights Club in the auditorium.
- October 25, 12:10 p.m.--Pep Club meeting in auditorium.
- 3 p.m.--Student assembly addressed by Miss Marie Josephine Carr, representative of the Red Cross in college activities, on the program of a college unit of the Red Cross.
- 7:30 p.m.--Rev. Patrick Molloy will lecture on "The Advances in the City of St. Louis toward the Ideals of a Christian Community" at Des Peres hall, St. Louis university, under the auspices of the Catholic Interracial Council of St. Louis.
- October 27--Pictures of freshmen and of sophomores, who have not yet been photographed, will be taken for the yearbook.
- 1:00 p.m.--Meeting of Mothers' Club in Fine Arts bldg., followed by tea honoring the mothers of new students. Students are asked to remind their mothers of this meeting.
- October 28, 12:10 p.m.--Noon recital of Lorraine Hotfelter and Doris Lavin in the recital room, accompanied by Mrs. Doane Neal.
- Oct. 28, 29, 30--Forty Hours Devotion at Fontbonne.
- October 30--Feast of Christ the King.
- October 31, 8 p.m.--Halloween dance for the resident students in the gymnasium.
- November 1--Feast of All Saints, a holyday of obligation.
- November 5--The deadline for entrance of manuscripts for the "Annual Anthology of College Poetry" published by the National Poetry Association.
- November 6--Giuseppe Di Stefano with the St. Louis Symphony orchestra at Kiel auditorium will sing in a program sponsored by the Fontbonne alumnae.

SISTER BERTHA JOSEPH, known to Fontbonne students of the past fifteen years, passed to her eternal reward Friday, Oct. 14, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., where she had been a patient since July. Sister Joseph Aloysius, dean, and Sister Victor, assistant superior, attended her funeral which was held in the chapel of the hospital Monday, Oct. 17. Burial was in Kansas City.

A native of Evansville, Ind., Sister Bertha Joseph in 1900 at the age of 19 became a Sister of St. Joseph at the Mother House in Carondelet. Before coming to Fontbonne in 1934, she had taught in St. John's School, St. Louis, and in schools in Sodalia and St. Joseph, Mo., and Chicago. While she as assistant superior of the Sisters at Fontbonne did not have many duties which brought her into contact with students, there were few of them who did not receive some kindness from her, and their parents have vivid recollections of her graciousness as a hostess on occasions of their visits and meetings. All are asked to pray for her eternal repose.

Jenny kissed me when we met,
 Jumping from the chair she sat in:
 Time, you thief! who love to get
 Sweets into your list, put that in!

These lines taken from the poem, "Jenny Kissed Me," by Leigh Hunt gave the title to the play, a recent Broadway success, being produced Oct. 24, 8:15 p.m. by the FOOTLIGHTS CLUB in the auditorium. Heading a cast of fourteen are Jean Anderson, Carmelita Schnolig, Vincent Mullarky, Charles Sargeant, and Daniel Poelman, assisted by Barbara Sullivan, Rosemarie Archangel, Lois Hough, Nancy Furtoll, Ann Robey, Joan Reid, Catherine Miceli, and Georgianne Landy. Students tickets may be procured in the Registrar's office free of charge. Other tickets are being sold by members of the cast and the Footlights Club. The performance is being directed by Miss Belle Marie Mullins, head of the speech department at Fontbonne.

Prayers of the students and faculty are requested for the recovery of EDWARD MAGUIRE, brother of Ann Maguire, an alumna of St. Joseph's Academy who attended summer school at Fontbonne this year. Mr. Maguire, instructor in history at St. Louis university, School of Arts and Sciences, received an eye injury Oct. 16 while playing touch football.

THE RED DANUBE, a notable MGM motion picture concerning the struggle between religion and Communism in post-war Europe, is now being shown at the Loew's Orpheum theatre. The film was adapted from "Vespers in Vienna" by Bruce Marshall, a convert to the Catholic Church. It is an A-1 picture.

His Excellency Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter has arranged for a MARIAN WEEK in the St. Louis Cathedral commencing Oct. 23. His letter outlining the program of the week follows:

Two years ago, complying with our request and that of Our Holy Father, Pius XII, you joined with us in an act of consecration of the archdiocese and of each parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

That avowal of dependence on Our Immaculate Mother and that resolution of imitation of her, in obedience to God's law and God's will, needs a constant renewal, not so much in word as in deed.

From our own experience we know of the supernatural fruits of penance and of Eucharistic devotion occasioned elsewhere by the coning of the Pilgrim Virgin, a copy of the statue at the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima. We have been impressed by the dignified presentation of the truths of faith and by the response of the faithful in genuine devotion and apostolic fervor. Consequently we are happy to announce that in compliance with our invitation, the Pilgrim Virgin will be enshrined in our Cathedral from Sunday, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. until after the Solemn Pontifical Mass (which we will personally offer) on Sunday, Oct. 30, the Feast of Christ the King, at 11 o'clock.

We have asked the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Nicholas W. Brinkman, pastor of the Cathedral, to be director of the Marian week. All parishes of the city and county are requested to co-operate actively in the Marian hour assigned to them at a definite hour. While our outstate parishes, according to deaneries, will be assigned to the 1 p.m. Marian hour each weekday from Monday until Saturday, inclusive, it is to be emphasized that each and every service is open to the public, in particular the Solemn Mass each weekday at 10 o'clock (on Sunday at 11 o'clock), and the evening Marian hours at 8 p.m.

Commending you and your devoted parishioners to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† JOSEPH E. RITTER

Archbishop of St. Louis

P.S. To emphasize the spiritual importance of the Marian week, no collections will be taken at any of the services at the Cathedral during the stay of the Pilgrim Virgin.

Bed-making as a daily chore is happily unheard of in Switzerland, where bedding is left out in the fresh air and sunlight during the day. The authority for this is Miss Nelly Uhler, a recent Swiss visitor to the German club, invited by Mr. James Temple, instructor of French and German at Fontbonne. Mr. Temple tutored Miss Uhler in English in the early weeks of her stay in the city, which is to extend until Christmas. Although French is the official language of Switzerland and is taught in the schools, her people speak a German dialect quite different from pure German. In discussing her native land with the German club on Oct. 7 she declared that in general the strongest political characteristic there at present is fear of Communism.

CANASTA, the new craze in card games, and BRIDGE, the old college stand-by, will vie for importance in a contest to be sponsored by the Sodality. All card-loving students are invited to enter, the fee being 25¢. The purpose of the contest is to raise money for Fontbonne's candidate for the Fall Festival at St. Louis U on Nov. 18, who is Dorothy Charlier, junior. Students may enter both contests, and are urged to choose partners beforehand. Lists will be placed on the bulletin board, and the fee may be paid to Marilyn Miller, junior, or Peggy Murphy, senior. Prizes will be awarded to the best players. The contest will start as soon as possible after Homecoming festivities.

Greeting Msgr. Julius W. Haun, D.D., Ph.D., after his illustrated lecture at the assembly last Thursday were members of the Catholic honor society, DELTA EPSILON SIGMA, of which he is one of the founders and a past president. The party included Mary McCabe, president of Fontbonne's Delta chapter of the society; Catherine Weidle, secretary; and Eleanor Schnitt, with Sisters M. Berchnans and M. Alfred of Delta chapter, and Sister Marguerite of Beta Theta chapter, that of the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City.

Msgr. Haun's lecture excited great interest in the students, especially those who have completed some of their work in Humanities. Notable among the colored views he showed were those of the cathedrals of Granada and Seville, of the Alhambra palace, and of the grotto at Lourdes.

Eligible for the regal honors of the PENNY CIRCUS on Nov. 4 are Joan Almon, freshman; Josephine Castiglione, sophomore; Betty Baervoldt, junior; and Barbara Quick, senior. The crown will fall on the head of Betty Baervoldt if the luck of the class of '51 holds, for this group has given the two previous queens, Marilyn Miller in '47 and Nancy Carter in '48.

With the entire student body participating, a sung Mass celebrated by the Rev. James J. Edwards, C.M., was the highlight of this year's COLLEGE DAY.

The judging of decorated automobiles, more difficult this year because of the large number of cars set up with original and dramatic designs, was carried on by Miss Teresa Carnody, Miss Belle M. Mullins, Miss Frances Troemel, Sister Susanne Marie, and Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay. The first prize of two dollars went to Mary Louise Lemmonn, driving a car of seniors with decorations featuring their class. The second prize of one dollar was awarded the car obtained by Josephine Chang from Richard Wu and driven by Zoe Frost with resident students as her passengers; its theme was "Memories". A third prize of one dollar was authorized at the time of judging to show recognition of the car of Frances Foster, a flower garden, carrying juniors. Honorable mention was given to three cars arranged by sophomores--"The Den" driven by Margaret Nolan; "Sweethearts" driven by Marie Schindler, and that carrying Font Bunnies, driven by Mary Milligan, which arrived too late to be considered in the first balloting. Besides these official awards, the staff of The Font extends its own honorable mention to Marianna Stuart for her car of freshmen displaying The Font Letter, and to Joan Heade and the sophomores who drove in her "Press Car".

At Carondelet the sophomore class had the best representation among the young Sisters who were visited--Sister Marie Dolores (Virginia Bland) and Ann Chamblin, who is a postulant. Other alumnae who were met are Mary Kramolowski '45 and Sister Catherine Therese (Jane Rueff '48). Students from St. Joseph Academy and other schools of the city met many of their high-school companions now preparing to be Sisters.

At the closing exercise of the day, Benediction in the Carondelet chapel, the musical program sung by the choir of novices and postulants under the direction of Sister Rose Louise was this: "O Salutaris" Bentivoglio, and "Tantum Ergo" Ravanello, both in three parts, a cappella, with the Gregorian "Salve Regina" between; and "Adoramus and Laudate" in three parts by Singenbergor.

A widely-known photographer from the Globe-Democrat, spent College Day with the collegiennes, and promises a memorial of it in a forthcoming issue of his paper.

In response to the appeal of OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE PIUS XII, who asks through his own mission aid organization, the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, that every Catholic be generous to the missions in his prayers and in his alms, the CSMC unit of Fontbonne is giving one hundred dollars to the missions for Mission Sunday, being observed next Sunday. Of this, \$50 is from the student collections in October and the other \$50 from the treasury of the unit. At the initial meeting of the unit on Oct. 13, the moderator, Sister Teresa Mary, announced that the interest of the group for this year will be focused on the mission needs in the St. Louis archdiocese. Officers elected at the meeting are Jeanette Maschmann, vice-president, and Agnes Blandina, secretary-treasurer. Marylee Byrnes was chosen president last spring.

THE WORK OF COLLEGE UNITS IN RED CROSS will be explained at next week's assembly, Oct. 25, by Miss Marie Josephine Carr of the Red Cross office here, and a film on the subject will be shown by Frank Bruno. In the foyer of Fine Arts a Red Cross exhibit will be set up, and the present officers of the Fontbonne unit will receive the names of new members, for the purpose of this assembly is to reorganize the unit and recruit additional members. The present officers are Joy Molunby, chairman, Teresa Reid, secretary, and Joan Dettmeyer, treasurer.

Forty-five members assembled for the initial meeting of "LE CERCLE FRANCAIS" Oct. 13, and elected new officers as follows: president, Betty Broon, Atlanta, Ga.; vice-president, Betty Myer, Ferriday, La.; secretary, Ruth O'Neill, St. Louis; treasurer, Barbara Sullivan, St. Louis. The activities at future meetings will be planned by committees to be appointed shortly, but the participation of the club in the Penny Circus was decided upon at this session. The French club will sponsor a carnival balloon booth, a chance on a doll to be given with each balloon sold.

New RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY for the annual Fontbonne Horse Show have been established by Miss Betty Baker, director of the department of physical education. According to the new regulations, beginners must have 20 class rides, novices also must have 20 class rides, and advanced riders must have 10 class rides. Classes are held from 4 to 6 on Mondays at Missouri Stables.

Arrangements are being made for Webster and Maryville to take turns with Fontbonne in attending THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS at the USO of Belleville, Ill., this with the approval of the Most Rev. John P. Cody, D.D., auxiliary bishop of St. Louis, who has appointed Fr. Francis M. Doyle of Immaculate Church, to head the project. Fontbonne students are invited to the Halloween dance there Oct. 29, and all who are interested are asked to register with Mary Louis Lennemann or Geraldine Alfert, the co-chairmen, not later than Wednesday noon, Oct. 26, and pay the fee of 50¢. At the last dance at the USO, the Fontbonne party was accompanied by Fr. Walter Galus, C.R., and Dr. W. E. Van Tass of the faculty and Mr. A. L. Clasquin, president of the Fathers' club.

WEDDING BELLS WILL RING for Kathleen Bocklage, class of '50, and Ensign James Darst Whyte on Thanksgiving Day, November 24. The ceremony will take place at 11:30 in St. Ann's Church, Normandy, at a Nuptial Mass. Her attendants will be Mary Louise Lenneman, senior, and Margaret Bocklage and Sally Whyte, both former students. The bridegroom is a nephew of Mayor Joseph Darst of St. Louis.

Jo Ann Osterbag, class of '50, and Mary Catherine McDonald, class of '49, add to the list of former students soon being married. Jo Ann will become Mrs. Earl Fisher on November 19 at Immaculate Church. Polly Coleman, senior, is one of the bridesmaids. Mary Catherine will be married to Francis Finnegan on the same day at St. Teresa's at 9:00 Mass. Jane and Marion O'Malley, likewise of the class of '49, are members of the wedding party.

Forty students have registered for the TENNIS CLASSES conducted every Monday and Thursday at 4 p.m. by Earl Buchholz, assisted by Clyde Eschenchied. Lessons are still available for those interested at \$7.25 a semester.

All-out support of the concert of Giuseppe Di Stefano was pledged at the meeting of the "LAS ESPANOLAS," the Spanish club on Tuesday of this week. Tickets will be purchased in the name of the club for his concert Nov. 6 in Kiel auditorium, which is held by the Fontbonne alumnae for the benefit of the fund for Modaille hall. The club will also sponsor an assembly Dec. 13 when Fr. John F. Bannon, S.J., of St. Louis university will discuss Spanish America, on which he is an authority. For the Penny Circus the club will present skits with performers in Spanish costumes doing characteristic dances and singing. Heading the cast will be Geraldine Garcia in her popular imitations.

Officers of the club are Hortense Prost, president; Rara Rivera, vice-president; Edwina Junkin, secretary; and Mary Ann Joines, treasurer.

The DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS of Fontbonne groups is being compiled by Lily Vitt of the staff of The Font Letter and will appear as a supplement to the issue for next week or that following; depending on the completion of the elections of the clubs. This list, which was introduced last year, includes the officers and moderators of the Student Council, Residents' Student Council, classes, clubs, regional organizations, publications, alumnae groups and honor societies, and Fathers' and Mothers' clubs.

The largest number of boarders joining the Legion of Mary necessitated the forming of a SECOND PRAESIDIUM FOR BOARDERS, which is now the third functioning on the campus. Directed by Sister Teresa Mary, this praesidium meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Its staff of officers is the following: president, Joann Abell; vice-president, Barbara Callahan; secretary, Peggy Warden; treasurer, Maureen Burke. Members are Carolyn Meyer, Dolores Baltz, Thomasina Loury, Bertha Vessell, Rosemary Cosgriff, Mary Ann Kuhlman, Kathryn Odorizzi, Rita Miller, Ann Robey, Shirley Danhorst, Beverly Kennedy, Margaret Ford, Pat McCarthy, and Helen McEvoy.

The Metropolitan tenor, GIUSEPPE DI STEFANO, who will sing with the St. Louis Symphony in Kiel auditorium Nov. 6 under the sponsorship of the Fontbonne alumnae, has a colorful background. Born in Sicily twenty-eight years ago, he served in the Italian army and was captured by the Germans, but escaped in women's clothes. Since the war he received such ovations for his singing in Rome that he attracted the musical scouts of this country and last year became a member of the Metropolitan opera company. Last May he sang in St. Louis with his company, doing the lead in Verdi's "La Boheme." Students are soon to be solicited by the alumnae for their help with this giant musical project.

HOME COMING IS NEXT SATURDAY. COME AND ENJOY IT!

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING IS NEXT SATURDAY

- 9 a.m. Assembling of cars of college and academy students for PARADE at 10 a.m., which will pass Washington U, St. Louis U, Maryville and Webster colleges, and return to Fontbonne. Mr. Robert Mitchell is marshal.
- 2 p.m. CARD PARTY in gymnasium with attractive table prizes and rich attendance awards. Mrs. Jas. Nolan is chairman.
- 4:30 Serving of DINNER in cafeteria, to continue until all are taken care of.
- 8 p.m. Second CARD PARTY in the gymnasium, with unusual prizes for tables and attendance. Other games and amusements.
- 8 p.m. DANCE in ballroom of Medaille Hall, with Ronald Gordon's orchestra. Refreshments in the cafeteria.
- 11:30 AWARD OF GRAND PRIZE, a 1950 Philco television set.

Students are requested to register their cars for the parade with the Student Council by Thursday evening. Rosemary Stapenhorst is president of the Student Council.

Bids for the dance in Medaille ballroom during Homecoming are \$1.50, and are being sold in the den by Joan McCartney and her committee. Girls are to wear date dresses at this affair, and men to come in dark suits. No corsages are to be worn as mums will be sold by the Pop Club.

STUDENTS, ATTENTION

Returns on all tickets for the Homecoming television award should be made to the Bursar's office no later than Friday evening, Oct. 21. A prize of \$10 will be given the student making returns for the greatest number of tickets.

Pies are being donated by college students. The alumnae will have a cake booth. The academy provides candy during the afternoon and evening.

A White Elephant booth, in charge of Mrs. A. J. Eschrich of the Mothers' Club, will succeed in proportion to the generosity of students in bringing articles to be sold for 25¢. These will be wrapped gaily if brought to Science 322, or else left in the information office in Ryan Hall.

Members of the Mothers' and Fathers' clubs active in this Homecoming program include, among many others, Mmes. E.L. Kaiser, Alphonse Bocklage, P.V. Maher, Thos. Martin, R. F. Stuart, Wm. Reedy, and Dr. A. J. Friedman. The proceeds of Homecoming will go to the building fund for Medaille Hall.

Presiding as moderator of a DISCUSSION at the downtown YMCA on Oct. 26 will be Dr. Wm. E. Van Tass, head of the sociology department. The discussion, preceded by an appropriate film, will be on "Does It Matter What We Think?"

A valuable fraternity pin has been handed in at the Registrar's office. The owner is requested by Sister Susanne Marie to call for it.

THE FORTY-NINERS. Mrs. Margaret Tuberty Miller left Oct. 18 for San Antonio, Texas, where her husband, an accountant, will be employed. She paid her farewell visit to Fontbonne last Wednesday. Mary Loretto Finazzo is now a substitute teacher in the St. Louis public schools. Ann Graupner has changed her work, as of Oct. 17, to the office of the Monsanto Chemical Co. Margaret Kingston, also, has taken her second job, and is now secretary to the Director of Public Information at St. Louis U, with offices in Chouteau House. Dorothy Daly is writing for a newspaper in her home town, Fort Smith, Ark.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE is needed in about 50 Community Chest and other welfare agencies, and among the jobs available to students are clinic and hospital aids, nursery aids, clerical workers to do typing and filing, workers in libraries, craft shops, and recreation centers. Many Fontbonne students filled these jobs with satisfaction to themselves and the agencies last year. Students interested this year are asked to visit the Bureau of the Social Planning Council, 505 N. Seventh st., or to call GARfield 2600.

A THANKSGIVING DANCE, to which all Fontbonne students are invited, is planned by the St. Joseph Alumnae Association for Nov. 25. Bids are \$1.50. Ruth O'Neill of the sophomore class will distribute them on the campus.

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