

FONTBONNE

COLLEGE

m a g a z i n e

Summer 1995



...TO FONTBONNE

Connection to the Past, Present and Future

Your invitation to the

Inauguration of Fontbonne's Thirteenth President

Dennis C. Golden

Founded in 1923 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Fontbonne College offers undergraduate and graduate programs with strong liberal arts contributions to career learning. Fontbonne is a four-year, coeducational institution. Annual graduate surveys, with an average of 92 percent return rate, indicate that over 96 percent of our students completing traditional bachelor degree programs have secured employment or have entered graduate school within six months after graduation.

Fontbonne College Magazine is published by Fontbonne College, Department of Institutional Advancement, Public Relations Office, 6800 Wydown Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63105, (314) 889-1402. Third class postage paid, Clayton, Missouri. The *Magazine* is sent to alumni and friends of Fontbonne College. Copyright 1995.

Fontbonne College President, **Dr. Dennis C. Golden**
Vice President for Institutional Advancement, **Alan E. Adams**
Director of College Relations, **Stephanie Stueber, CSJ**
Director of Alumni Relations, **Julia T. Simpson**
Director of Public Relations and Publications, **Susan R. King**

Fontbonne College Magazine Staff: **Editor/Susan R. King**
Writers/Robyn Neuhalfen, public relations specialist, and **Susan R. King**
Photographers/Robyn Neuhalfen and **Susan R. King**
Design and Layout/Susan R. King

Fontbonne College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national or ethnic origin, or handicap in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Fontbonne College
Magazine

Summer 1995

In This Issue

Openers ~ 4

Commencement May 1995 —
You Can Move Mountains ~ 17

Everyone is Entitled to My Opinion —
Julianne Iwersen-Niemann '68 ~ 20

Personal Invitations to Inaugural Events ~ 25

Alumni Notes ~ 30

*Inaugural chain logo
designed by
Edward J. Reggi*

OPENERS

CONNECTION. . .to the Future — Celebrating a New President

The day has been set. And everyone in the Fontbonne Community is ready to celebrate the Inauguration of Fontbonne's 13th president, Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D.

The theme for all inaugural events is "Connection," with a three-link chain as the logo. The chain represents an actual chain attached to the shovel used for Fontbonne's ground breaking (both located in the Library). The chain was begun in 1927, with each link representing a graduating class. This unique part of Fontbonne's heritage will be the focus of all inauguration festivities, which will be held on campus throughout the fall semester.



...TO THE FUTURE

with a brunch following, given by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

The Reunion theme is in keeping with the inaugural theme and titled "CONNECTION. . . to the Fontbonne Family." Class reunions will be held on Oct. 14. (see information on page 29)

The final inaugural event will be Founders' Day on Oct. 18. Alumni and community leaders are recognized for their service to the community during the annual black-tie dinner at The University Club.

A chain-linking ceremony will initiate the events. Alums are invited to complete the chain that has been neglected since 1964. Links will be added to bring the chain up-to-date and make it ready for inaugural activities. (see invitation and more information on page 25)

The first day of classes, August 23, will restore a tradition many alums enjoyed in their days at Fontbonne. An all-school academic convocation will be held that afternoon featuring guest speaker Rev. David Tracy, STD, professor of religion at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. As one of the most important active theologians in America today, Dr. Tracy will receive an honorary degree, doctor of humane letters, from Fontbonne at the ceremony. (see invitation and more information on page 26)

A three-day inaugural weekend is planned for Sept. 22, 23 and 24. Festivities will include a "hospitality day" for out-of-town guests and the Fontbonne Community on Friday, Sept. 22. Activities will include a barbecue, tours of the campus, faculty colloquia and an outstanding evening of entertainment.

The installation ceremony and reception will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23. (see invitation on page 27)

On Sunday, Sept. 24, Mass will be held at Carondelet

Inauguration to Feature World Premiere

When Dennis C. Golden is installed as Fontbonne's 13th president on Sept. 23, the all-too-familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" will definitely not be part of the academic ceremony.

The College has commissioned the noted composer Robert Washburn to create a work for brass instruments and percussion. The piece will receive its first performance at the inauguration.

Tentatively titled "Golden Medallion," the work features introductory fanfares for brass, leading to a stately ceremonial march and concluding with a rousing finale. Following its St. Louis premiere, Washburn will re-score the piece for full band at the advanced high school and college level. It will be published and distributed nationally by CPP/Belwin, a leading education music publisher.

Washburn's compositions are performed by most of the leading orchestras, bands and choral groups in North and South America and Europe. A graduate of Potsdam College in New York with a doctorate from the famed Eastman School of Music, Washburn recently retired as dean of the renowned Crane School of Music at Potsdam.

The composer will travel to St. Louis to attend the premiere.

OPENERS

Fine Arts Graduate Displays Great Pieces, Great Potential

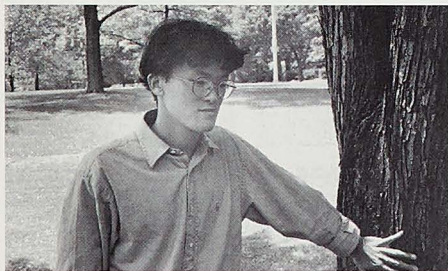
At regional art exhibitions and in a St. Louis-area newspaper, his name keeps popping up. Most run-of-the-mill folk have never heard of him. He's a young, Korean-born artist, and he's a 1995 graduate of Fontbonne's fine arts department.

While still in college, Hwang R. Kim entered several St. Louis-area and regional art exhibitions to help improve his creativity and make a name for himself.

"I was afraid that after I graduated I'd have a hard time presenting my works to galleries, but these contests have given me confidence to go out and talk to galleries in different areas."

The first of his exhibitions, "*III Artists*," displayed the paintings and sculptures of Hwang and two fellow graduates.

"This was the first time for me to have both my own and group show," says Hwang. "I actually sold one piece. I wanted to experience the requirement of having a show, sending out the invitations, hanging my own pieces, etc., and this show gave me that opportunity. It pushed me to develop my own direction."



The artist: Hwang R. Kim '95

With one show under his belt, Hwang began entering juried art exhibitions in the St. Louis area. In September 1994, his etching "*Sunset*" was accepted for exhibition in "*Art St. Louis X*." An organization that works to create a richer environment for the visual arts in the St. Louis region, Art St. Louis sponsors the well-known and respected exhibition each year.

"The event turned out to be very good for me," says Hwang. "I was running late to the opening on Oct. 8, and before I even got there, my etching was sold." The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* called Hwang's piece "exquisite" and "inspiring."

This was not the only time "*Sunset*" drew a crowd and a profit for Hwang. In a later juried exhibition sponsored by the University of Wisconsin—Parkside, another print of the etching was chosen for the University's permanent collection. It was one of nearly 120 works chosen from over 1,000 entries.

"It was one of the best things that's ever happened to me," says Hwang. "This gives me a lot of confidence in my work. When you're in school, you hear a lot of compliments and criticisms from students and faculty, but it's nice to know that outside people like my work."

Although Hwang likes the positive feedback, he has a hard time parting with his pieces. "I never like to sell my work," says Hwang. "It's like a sending away of your children. I'm



Mixed Media—
Rodin Sculpture
By:
Hwang R. Kim
1993-94

learning, though, that when you let go of your work, you get better. It forces you to create more so that you miss less."

Hwang's piece titled "*The Seekers*" was chosen for exhibition in the Art St. Louis-sponsored "*Varsity Art I*." Nominated for the exhibition by one of his professors, Victor Wang, Hwang's work received rave reviews from the *Post-Dispatch*, calling it "exciting and fresh."

"I want to gain more reputation, but I don't want my mind to be occupied by this," says Hwang. "I want to get out of the image of being a student, which means taking responsibility for my work. For the first time, I'm going to be doing what I want to do — in the way of style, content, method of working, etc. For so long, I've been conscious of getting a good grade, and now I'm free from that. I haven't yet done the work I want to do, and I don't really know what that is, but I'm ready to search for it."

OPENERS

Chang Honored for Excellence in Teaching

Edward Chang, assistant professor of computer science and mathematics, has two main thoughts on teaching. "I believe there is a great need to educate native people of this country not to waste their potential. The good resources available here don't link to the education people are attaining. My second thought is this: If you're a teacher, you should know how to teach. Just because you have a degree does not make you a good teacher. One must teach to learn!"

These teaching philosophies and the nominations of students, faculty and alumni were the guiding forces behind Chang's receiving the 1995 Trustees' Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was recognized at the annual Honors Convocation on May 5. And according to one student, "There may be others who deserve this award as much as he does, but no one deserves it *more* than he does."

"This country has great opportunities available to students — good university systems, facilities, libraries," says Chang, who is Chinese. "But I do not believe people (Americans) make good use of the available resources. When I was in graduate school, most of the people were foreigners. I believe Americans should also go to graduate school. I encourage my students to do so, no matter what their major."

A committee made up of faculty and three students reviewed nominations received for 19 faculty members representing full- and part-time

teachers in all areas of the college, including the graduate, undergraduate and OPTIONS programs.

Chang humbly says, "For the department of computer science and mathematics, this award is very good. This honor is not only for me but also for my department colleagues. I could not have done this on my own."

Chang received his bachelor's degree from Shanghai Normal University in Shanghai, China. He later completed his master's degree in education from Rutgers University, his master's in computational linguistics from Ohio State University, and a master's in computer science from Western Illinois University. Chang is currently working on his doctorate in computer science from the University of Missouri—Rolla.

Since 1990, Chang has been teaching computer courses at Fontbonne. "Because of the computer requirements built into the Fontbonne curriculum, I have a chance to meet almost all Fontbonne students," says Chang. "Computer applications will invade each career field, and this needs to be integrated into students' minds."

"He's a hard teacher, but a very fair one," says one student. "He reminds me of a parent helping to prepare his offspring for life's challenges."

Chang says, "Teaching should be like a guarantee which comes with a product. Companies not only

guarantee their *product* but also the *application* of their product. I have every qualification to teach, but I must teach to learn. That is my warranty. Students must be able to take with them what you're teaching. You must modify your ways to fit each student so that this is possible."

One student says, "Mr. Chang offered me a challenge. When I first met him, I was afraid of computers. He alleviated my fears in such a way that I felt comfortable."

Outside of the classroom, Chang has served on Fontbonne's academic affairs and curriculum committees. He also served as the chair of the committee for practical arts and computer science for the North Central Association visiting team (an association that accredits colleges and universities).

Chang's love for knowledge, computer technology and teaching is the driving force behind his success. "If I had gone to work for a company as a computer scientist, I would be doing something only for myself," says Chang. "Teaching lets me do something for others."



Edward Chang accepts his Teacher of the Year Award at Honors Convocation.

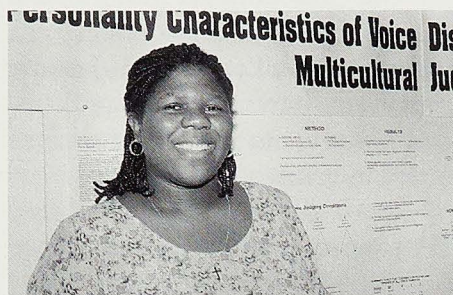
OPENERS

CD Student Examines Perceptions of Multicultural Judges

“In our society, first impressions are often based on a person’s voice quality,” says Leonia Anderson ’94, a second-year master’s program student in the communication disorders (CD) department. “For example, by listening to someone on the telephone, a listener can formulate opinions of the speaker’s personality based solely on the speaker’s voice quality.”

This was the premise behind a study Anderson began in her “Speech Science” class while she was an undergraduate student in the CD department. “My partner and I decided to answer the question, ‘What do people think about a person by the tone of his/her voice?’” says Anderson.

What they discovered and what Anderson has expounded upon in subsequent research has become a



Leonia Anderson '94

topic of great interest at both the Missouri Speech-Language and Hearing Association and the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association.

“Within different cultures, certain voice qualities are perceived as normal and abnormal,” says Anderson. “The purpose of this study was to evaluate how untrained listeners perceive personality characteristic based on gender and voice quality and analyze the influences of different cultural groups.”

Anderson hypothesized two things. First, that abnormal voice qualities would be characterized by negative personality characteristics. And second, that judges would form different opinions with relationship to their gender and race.

“The results of the study support this hypothesis,” says Anderson. “Abnormal speakers were described as possessing negative personality characteristics and normal speakers as having positive personality characteristics. I was surprised to find that listeners of both races (African-American and Caucasian) were not as lenient with females that had abnormal voice traits. In addition, I found that African-American listeners did not apply as negative descriptions to disordered voices as Caucasians did.”

OPTIONS/McDonnell Douglas Foreign Language Program Awards Certificates to 89 in April Ceremony

The second awards ceremony for the Fontbonne College OPTIONS McDonnell Douglas Foreign Language Program was held in April, with 89 students being awarded certificates for successful completion of the program.

McDonnell Douglas employees/students studying French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian and Spanish in the program were represented at the ceremony.

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.

The program began in 1992 with the combined efforts of OPTIONS, McDonnell Douglas and Berlitz. The program is a 12-week course, using the Berlitz concept of total immersion in the language.



Viviane Zufferey of Berlitz makes opening remarks while Joan Lescinski, CSJ, academic dean and vice president of Fontbonne, watches from the side.

OPENERS

Academic Director of MST Program Advises Family Trust

For families of persons with mental and/or physical disabilities, the cost of providing care can be staggering — sometimes as much as \$30,000 a year. As a result, many families rely on state and federal government programs, e.g. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid, to provide funds for basic services such as food, shelter and medical care.

Although many families take advantage of these benefits, they still want to contribute their own funds to ensure the well-being of their dependents. And these families are faced with an overriding concern about who will care for their loved ones, both financially and emotionally, when they can no longer do so.

As these families plan their estates, they run into a snag. They quickly realize that any financial commitments they make to their dependents may jeopardize the SSI and Medicaid entitlements their dependents receive. This leaves parents and guardians asking the question, "What will my child do when I am gone?"

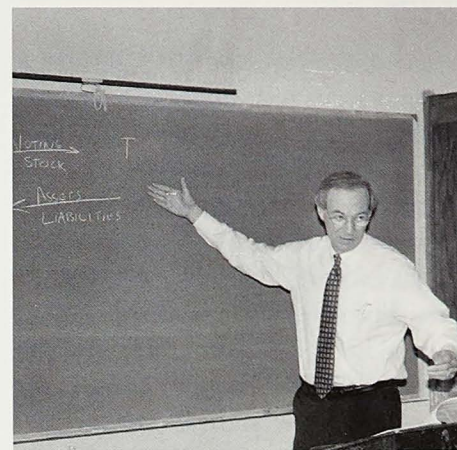
In 1988, Gerald Zafft, academic director of the Fontbonne Master of Science in Taxation (MST) program, was asked to tackle this question. "I was serving on the Missouri State Mental Health Commission at the time, and I had expressed my concern about this problem to the director of the department of mental health," says Zafft. "I have a vested interest in

this topic. My 24-year-old son Jeffrey is mentally retarded. I can provide for him now, but was concerned about what will happen after I'm gone."

His parental concern and professional expertise as an attorney led Zafft to an appointment on the Family Trust Fund Task Force. "The Task Force consisted of two state senators, two state representatives, three representatives from the Department of Mental Health, four people representing families of persons with mental retardation, four people representing families of persons with mental illness, three persons who were appointed by the governor to represent the public interest, and one representative of the Mental Health Commission," says Zafft.

In response to the dilemma, the Task Force created the Missouri Family Trust Fund. In 1989, the General Assembly enacted into law this unique way for families to contribute to the care and quality of life for their loved ones without risking the loss of vital government funding, such as Medicaid and SSI.

"To be eligible for Medicaid, persons with disabilities cannot have assets of more than \$2,000, and the SSI program for persons with disabilities will allow assets of no more than \$1,000," says Zafft. "These restrictions or limitations do not present serious problems during the parents' lifetime. The parents can supplement the basic care, food, clothing and shelter provided by



Zafft shares his taxation knowledge with an "Advanced Corporate Taxation" class at Fontbonne.

SSI or even provide for basic care without disrupting Medicaid eligibility."

Allowable supplements include "extras" such as clothes, transportation, gifts, recreation, extra dental and medical care, specialized medical equipment, repairs, and other services of the kind not provided through government entitlements.

"The problem becomes acute when the family tries to make provisions for continuing these benefits after the death of the providers," says Zafft. "For example, grandma and grandpa leave \$10,000 to a grandchild with a mental disability thinking they're doing good. What really happens is it creates a problem."

Because the grandchild's assets cannot exceed the \$1,000 or \$2,000 marks, they are suddenly no longer eligible for any government benefits, and \$10,000 will not even

OPENERS

cover one-third of a year's costs for care.

This is where the Missouri Family Trust Fund comes in. The Trust accepts contributions from anyone (except the named beneficiary or his/her spouse, which is prohibited by federal law). These contributions, which may be paid over a period of time, are pooled and invested, with separate accounts set up for each beneficiary. The statute creating the Family Trust provides that amounts contributed to the Family Trust do not count as resources in determining entitlement eligibility. SSI and Medicaid have issued administrative rulings to the same effect.

Contributors benefit from the pooled funds because of the greater return on each investment, and administrative costs are distributed among all the donors. There is a \$500 minimum contribution to open an account, and periodic contributions can be made in no less than \$100 increments.

"The family designates a co-trustee to determine how the income and principal of the Trust will be used to provide benefits," says Zafft. "The co-trustee (with the approval of the Missouri Family Trust) may decide it is to be used for speech pathology, a specialized van to take the beneficiary to a day program, or for bowling three nights a week. And as the needs of the person change, the use of the funds can change."

"In 1992 we were in a position to accept money to start operating as a

not-for-profit organization," says Zafft. "We now have over 150 accounts in the Family Trust totalling around \$1.5 million. And we have paid out several hundred-thousand dollars in purchasing services and benefits since the inception."

In addition to the Family Trust, a Charitable Trust has been designed to help provide benefits for indigents who do not have an immediate family or whose families cannot afford to establish an individual trust. The Charitable Trust accepts contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations and receives portions of principal and income from the Missouri Family Trust Fund.

"This is a not-for-profit organization which is not part of any state department and is not subject to any state appropriations," says Zafft. "The Trust Fund (advised by a nine-member board of trustees) was simply designed to help families help their loved ones who need it."

The Missouri Family Trust Fund has received national attention over the past few years. According to Zafft, the state of Alabama has copied the plan almost verbatim, and a California legislative research committee concluded that Missouri had the best Trust Fund program out of all the states that have similar programs. "We even had an inquiry come from New Dehli, India!" says Zafft.

"For the large group of low and middle income families who have a

modest amount to be left for their disabled family member, the Family Trust offers a unique opportunity not previously available," says Zafft. "Now they have a trust which they can afford — one which accepts modest contributions and will not adversely affect eligibility. And, it is a trust in which they can actively participate in the decisions on the use of Family Trust income and/or principal for the benefit of their family member."



Zafft works in his Clayton office.

Gerald Zafft has taught at Fontbonne since the fall of 1989 and became the academic director of the MST program in 1990. He currently teaches "Advanced Corporate Taxation" and "Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders." He is a principal in Blumenfeld, Kaplan & Sandweiss, P.C. where he specializes in corporate tax, business law and estate planning. He received his J.D. degree from Washington University and his L.L.M. (in Taxation) from New York University.

OPENERS

Teacher Placement Fair, Career Development Office Aid Alums and Students Alike

Dressed in business attire with portfolios in hand, over 38 Fontbonne alumni and students gathered in the Arnold Memorial Center on May 16 for the second annual Teacher Candidate Placement Day. Sponsored by the Fontbonne career development office, this year's teacher fair brought eleven St. Louis-area school districts to campus.

Alums and recent graduates interested in elementary and secondary education/special education, early childhood education and communication disorders met with representatives from select school districts. In a series of 15-minute, pre-arranged interviews, candidates learned more about each district and answered a series of interview questions.

"Interviewing at career fairs offers a unique opportunity for candidates to get past that first screening — the

dreaded 'paper screen,'" says Randi Wilson, director of counseling and career development. "Job seekers get to meet someone in person first and avoid getting screened out immediately based on what is or isn't on a resume."

"The fair provided a great base for me," says Dan McKeown, a 1979 master of fine arts graduate. "I was introduced to several new people and made new contacts. Where else can you meet with six school districts at one time?"

McKeown has taught art on the elementary and secondary levels for over ten years and is ready to change school districts. Like many other alumni, McKeown has taken advantage of career development services to help him find a new position.

"Fontbonne goes above and beyond the call of duty to help alumni,"

says McKeown. "Working with the career development office has been a total positive experience. I have been treated with as much respect as a current student would receive. I've had experience with larger universities, and the personalized attention I've received at Fontbonne cannot be found at those institutions."

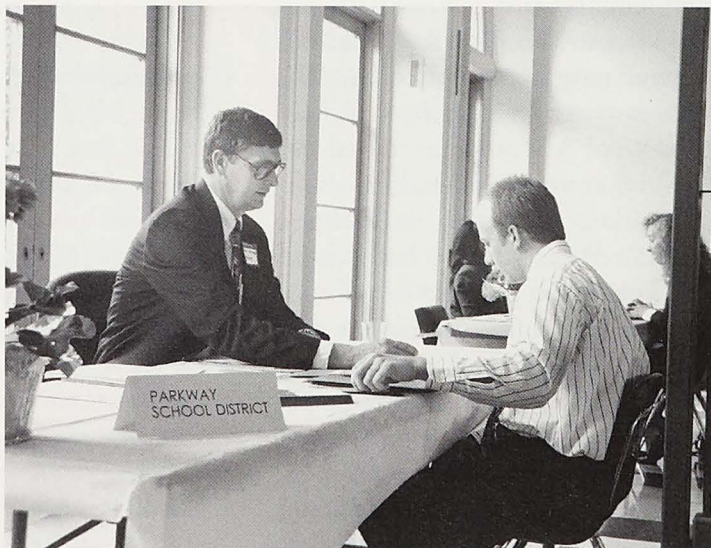
In the past three years, the number of alumni using career development services has been steadily increasing. Alumni now constitute 21% of all people using the service, up from 16% in 1993.

"Most alums who contact our office are wanting to make career changes, re-enter the work force after several years of absence, or need to find new positions as a result of downsizing or job terminations," says Wilson. "They go through the same process that all of our current students do. First, they ask themselves 'Who am I?', and then 'What's out there?' and 'How do I get from here to there?'"

Sara Langan, coordinator of the Teacher Candidate Placement Day and volunteer career counselor, stresses, "Alums should not feel like they'll be out of place in our office. We have many non-traditional age students at Fontbonne, and actually, most of the people who come to our job-search seminars are non-traditional age."

The career development office assists with career planning and

December '94 graduate Craig Dippel (right) learns about the teaching philosophies and expectations of Parkway School District.



OPENERS

decision-making, selecting academic majors, and job search techniques. Langan recommended several techniques for those students who signed up for the Teacher Candidate Placement Day, including thoroughly researching each school district before the interview, dressing professionally, and videotaping practice interviews.

"A lot of the students who attended the teacher fair did the videotaped interviewing prior to the actual interviews," says Langan. "It really helped them to see themselves on tape in order to modify the way they answered questions and presented themselves."

Success at the on-campus Teacher Candidate Placement Day also depended on a competitive resume, a confident presence, excellent communication skills, evidence of a child-centered orientation, a sense of humor, maturity and leadership.

"It can be difficult to communicate all you want to in a 15-minute

interview," says Craig Dippel, a December 1994 graduate. "Since there wasn't much time to answer questions the interviewers asked, I found that it was best to be laid back, be myself and not feel pressured to answer the questions the way I thought they wanted them answered. That way they got to see the true me. The teacher placement fair was a great opportunity!"

The career development staff also holds active membership in the Gateway Placement Association, a consortium of over 40 colleges and universities in Missouri and Illinois. The Association sponsors two annual job fairs, one which attracts approximately 50 school districts and the other over 100 employers.

With access to these and other resources and the knowledge of the Fontbonne career development staff, alumni and students alike receive the dedicated support necessary to help them land the perfect job.



Sara Langan and Randi Wilson (left to right), of career development, check in with Patricia Elias '80 during a break between her interviews with various school districts.

Julie Loyet Named Director of Fontbonne's Chrysler Branch

Julie Loyet has been named director of Fontbonne's Chrysler Branch campus.

Loyet received her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in business administration from Northeast Missouri State University. She earned a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville.

Prior to joining Fontbonne, Loyet worked as a sleep technologist in the Sleep Disorders Research Center at Deaconess, and as the dean of instruction and career development coordinator at Sanford Brown College.

Located at the Chrysler Assembly Plant in Fenton, Mo., Fontbonne's Chrysler Branch campus offers an undergraduate degree program in selected areas of business and administration and a graduate program leading to a master in business administration. The program is for employees of Chrysler.

OPENERS

Two Members Elected To Fontbonne Board of Trustees

Gerald Cassidy established his law firm in Washington, D.C., in 1975. Prior to that he worked as a trial attorney in the South Florida Migrant Legal Service program, as executive director and general counsel of the Democratic National Committee's 1973 reform commission, and on two separate occasions — from 1969 to 1973 and from 1974 to 1975 — as general counsel of the U.S. Senate's select committee of nutrition and human needs. He has been a featured speaker on legislative issues at numerous governmental, university,



Gerald Cassidy

industry and trade association conferences. He is a member of the board of trustees at Tougaloo College, the steering committee of the capital campaign for Villanova University, the board of overseers for the School of Nutrition at Tufts University, the board of directors of Seragen, Inc., and the board of the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Cassidy is a graduate of Villanova University and the Cornell University School of Law.

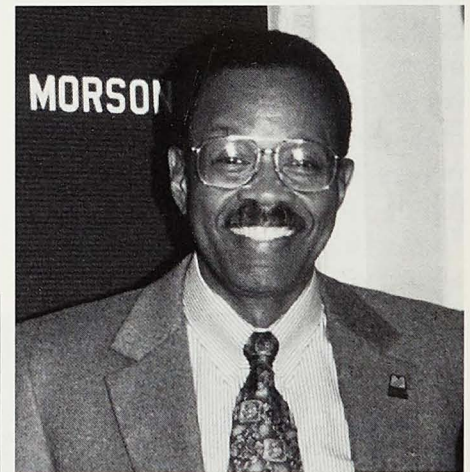
J. Harrison Morson, dean for student services at Mercer County Community College in Trenton, N.J., and Gerald Cassidy, chairman, chief executive officer and founder of Cassidy and Associates, Inc., have been elected as members of the Fontbonne College board of trustees, according to Van-Lear Black, chairman of the board at Fontbonne.

J. Harrison Morson has been at Mercer County Community College

since 1986. Prior to joining Mercer he served as vice president for student affairs, dean for student affairs and director of student activities at Union County College (formerly Union College), Cranford, N.J.

Morson received a bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg State College in Bloomsburg, Penn. He earned a master's degree and his doctorate in education at Rutgers, New Brunswick, N.J.

Morson is a member of many professional organizations and has received many awards. His community service work has included the American Cancer Society and serving on the board of trustees at Children's Specialized Hospital in Westfield, N.J.



J. Harrison Morson

Public Relations Awarded Bronze Quill

The Fontbonne Public Relations Office received a 1994 Bronze Quill Award in May from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC). The Honorable Mention Award was given in the category of print-brochures for the Fontbonne viewbook, printed in the 1994 academic year. The viewbook is the first piece that prospective students receive to learn more about what Fontbonne has to offer.

The viewbook was done in cooperation with Debbie Groesch of Groesch Graphics and Doug Whitaker Photography.

OPENERS

Seven to Receive Founders' Awards For Community Service

At the 10th Founders' Day Dinner on Oct. 18, Fontbonne College will honor seven persons for distinguished community service.

Five alumni are among those to receive Founders' Day Awards. They are Robert J. Cassilly, sculptural architecture; Lynne M. Cooper, Christian service; Victoria Cothran, elementary education and

community relations; Margaret Rose Guzzardo, CSJ, bilingual speech therapy; and Anna Rose Kraus, CSJ, auditory/oral education of the deaf.

Two former trustees will receive awards — George S. Graff, promotion of corporate and academic relations; and Vincent E. Shaw, leadership in church and civic relations.

The dinner will be held at The University Club, St. Louis, Mo. Request for invitations may be made to Stephanie Stueber, CSJ, director of College Relations, Fontbonne College, 6800 Wydown Boulevard, St. Louis, MO, 63105-3098, (314) 889-1489.

Four CSJs Honored for Years of Service

At the annual faculty/staff dinner in May, four Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet were honored for their years of service to Fontbonne College.

The four sisters include Stephanie Stueber, CSJ, 40 years; Alberta Anne Ruys, CSJ, 35 years; Mary Carol Anth, 30 years; and Rita Marie Schmitz, 25 years.

Sr. Stephanie first came to Fontbonne 48 years ago attending St. Joseph's Academy and then continuing her education at Fontbonne. She has served as teacher, department chairperson, academic dean,

alumni director and college relations director, her current position.

Sr. Alberta has served as director of the library since she graduated from Fontbonne in 1960.

Sr. Mary Carol has served as instructor, department chairperson and currently assistant academic dean since graduation in 1965.

Sr. Rita has devoted the past 25 years to two departments — first, human environmental sciences, and then, education/special education. She is a 1970 Fontbonne graduate.

Call For Nominations for 1996 Founders' Day Awards

Founders' Day Awards recognize Fontbonne alumni and local (Metro St. Louis) community leaders noted for their distinguished community service.

Nominations for the 1996 awards must be received no later than February 29, 1996. For further information contact:

Stephanie Stueber, CSJ
College Committee on
Founders' Day Awards
Fontbonne College
6800 Wydown Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63105-3098

(314) 889-1489

Stephanie Stueber, CSJ, college relations, is honored by President Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D., at the annual faculty/staff dinner in May.



OPENERS

Sports Wrap-Up

Men's Baseball

The men's baseball program, in its first varsity season, got off to a slow start due to inclement weather and new players. As the season progressed, players such as freshmen Rich Dierker, Jack Reynolds and Doug Schlenk, and juniors Neil Daniels, Dale Haller, Matt Stockmann and Eddie Woods kept the team intact.

Midway through the season, sophomores Scott Kaminski and Doug Wolff and junior Eric Lanzafame solidified to help the team finish fourth in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC). The Griffins ended with a 5-7 conference record and an overall record of 6-16.

Women's Softball

The softball Griffins ended their impressive season 24-8 overall and 20-2 in their conference, taking the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) title and the post-season tournament championship. This is a first-time deed for the two-year-old team.

Head coach Laura Small says, "The season started off rocky, but as we played more games, we built our confidence. By mid-season the whole team — each and every player — contributed in every ball game and to every win."

Sophomores Cathy Donley, Jen Paule and Diana Pinkley and senior Kim LePage were named to the First

Team All-Conference. Conference Coach of the Year went to Fontbonne's Laura Small.

"I was impressed with the leadership of the seniors," says Small. "They took control and were responsible for the team, which is exactly what I was looking for."

Dynamo pitcher Diana Pinkley set conference records for wins (22), strikeouts (129) and shutouts (eight) during her second season with the team. Her accomplishments were featured in a Suburban Journals Newspaper story in May.

"A lot of our success has to be credited to Diana Pinkley," Small admits. "She pitched every game of the season! The desire and talent of our new team members should also be credited. They displayed a great deal of perseverance and a positive attitude throughout the season."

Small's number one goal for next year is to be first in conference again. "My second goal is to make it to NCAA III nationals, and my third goal is to continue to have fun!"

Golf

Although the 1994-95 golf season was one of rebuilding, the team finished third in the SLIAC, trailing MacMurry College and Westminster College. After losing several key players, including Keith Quigley, a 1994 graduate and four time All-Conference player, the

team faced a challenge — mixing new golfers with a couple of strong returning players.

Sophomore Paul Cody, freshman Cory Scheer and returning sophomore Hong Sang Kim were the top Fontbonne players at season's end. Freshman players included Ben Ervin, Matt Lanzone, Clancy Moore and Mike Newsham.

"The golf team was carrying the heavy burden of knowing that the teams in the past were conference champions," says Lee McKinney, head golf coach and director of athletics. "They felt this pressure all year, along with knowing they were such young players. Rebuilding is one thing, but being young and rebuilding is an even greater obstacle to overcome."

With a combination of returning players and new recruits for the 1995-96 season, the golf program soon will be as strong as it has been in the past.

Annual Sports Banquet Honors Athletes / Teams

Athletes, coaches, family, faculty and staff all gathered on April 27 to honor the 1994-95 athletic teams of Fontbonne College. Individuals from each of the nine Fontbonne sports were recognized for their personal achievements and team contributions throughout the season or their career. With tables sporting Fontbonne purple and gold, the Annual Sports Banquet was held in

OPENERS

the Dunham Student Activity Center's Mabee Gymnasium. Fontbonne sports include men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's golf, women's softball, men's baseball and cheerleading.

The individuals who make the most significant contributions to Fontbonne athletics are awarded five special honors. This year's awards and awardees are as follows:

The Meneve Dunham Award for Athletic Contribution is given to the athlete who has made the most significant accomplishments for the year. Criteria for this award also include individual talent, facilitation of team play, support of Athletic Association activities, classroom performance and character. This year's recipient was Kevin Walsh, a 1995 social sciences department graduate.



Kevin Walsh (left) receives The Meneve Dunham Award for Athletic Contribution from Athletics Director Lee McKinney.

Walsh was a starting point guard for the men's basketball team and captain of the team his junior and senior years. In 1993, he was scholar athlete and was Academic All-Conference from 1992 through 1995. On campus, he was sports reporter for the *Fontbanner*, a representative of the student government association, president of the athletic association, a member of the Fontbonne ambassadors program, and served on the presidential, vice-presidential and academic dean search committees. While participating in these activities, Walsh remained on the Dean's List for six semesters and graduated summa cum laude.

The Lee McKinney Scholar-Athlete Award, given to the student athlete who best represents the College academically, went to Kim LePage. A senior pre-law major, LePage has been named on the Dean's List six semesters and on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll for seven semesters. She has received the Fontbonne College Campus Service Scholarship, the Union Electric Dean's Competitive Scholarship and the Hazelwood

Parent-Teachers Association Scholarship. She played forward and center for the basketball team and outfield on the softball team.

Senior Lori Johnston received this year's Mary Schoendienst Award, given to the female athlete who demonstrates the strongest athletic performance based on statistics, talent and overall performance. Johnston was an obvious choice for the award. She made a major impact for four years on the Lady Griffins basketball team and strongly contributed to the women's soccer and softball teams. Aiding the basketball team with constant support in field goals, three-pointers and rebounds, Johnston was second on the team in free-throws and steals and led the team in assists. She also received a basketball Honorable Mention All-Conference for the 1994-95 season. The 1994 graduate majored in biology.

The Red Schoendienst Award for best male athlete went to Royland Woods. After transferring to Fontbonne mid-semester of his sophomore year, Woods has made a tremendous impact with his presence, perseverance and natural talent. As a member of the men's basketball Griffins, this season Woods scored a total of 471 points, blocked 117 shots and led the team in rebounds with 144. He tied the national record for the most blocked shots in a single game with 15. Having been named to the First Team All-Conference two years running, Woods also was named SLIAC Co-Player of the Year this

OPENERS

year, and received national recognition as a Division III Honorable Mention All-American. Woods is a junior human services major.

Tye Cordes, senior co-captain of the cheerleaders, Mary Ann Jimenez, Athletic Council member, Pam Kronk, devoted parent and fan, and Apryl Purnell, National Anthem singer, were honored with the Flying Griffin Award for individuals who succeed in lifting the hearts of Griffin fans. Through their personal encouragement and by their leadership, these dedicated people have caused Fontbonne spirits to soar.

Darin Hendrickson Named New Assistant Athletics Director / Men's Baseball Coach

The baseball Griffins will have a new coach and Fontbonne will have its first assistant athletics director starting in the 1995-96 season. On July 31, Darin Hendrickson began serving a number of constituencies.

Hendrickson's responsibilities will include supervising the functions of the Dunham Student Activity Center, including serving as the intramural director, and scheduling and managing events. He will also serve as the director of sports information, coordinate the alcohol education program and assist with athletic department fund raising.

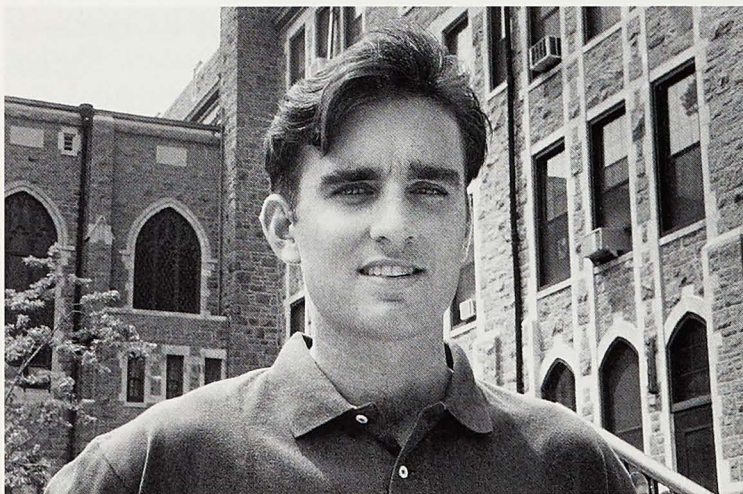
All of this on top of recruiting for and coaching the baseball team.

"I'm going to be very busy," says Hendrickson with a smile. "But that's the way I like it."

The Granite City, Ill., native thinks the biggest challenge of his job will be "blending in well with all the different kinds of people who interact with athletics."

Coming from his current position as the district liaison for the Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools in Edwardsville, Ill., a position he's held since 1993, Hendrickson should be well-prepared to deal with any number of people.

While attending college at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (SIUE) from 1989 through 1993, Hendrickson pitched for the baseball team. He holds the University's pitching record and pitched SIUE's winning game at the NCAA World Series in 1993.



Darin Hendrickson began as the new assistant athletics director/ head men's baseball coach July 31.

Hendrickson holds a bachelor of science degree in political science, and in 1995, received his master of arts degree in sociology, also from SIUE.

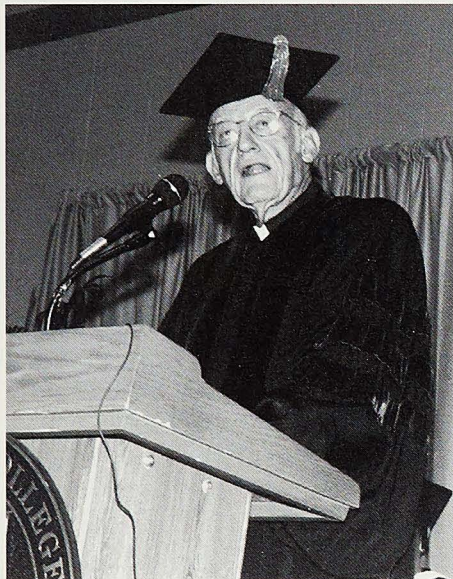
"I intended to use my degrees to go into law," says Hendrickson. "But I missed athletics. From playing and coaching at SIUE and coaching at Bunker Hill High School (1993), I knew I enjoyed recruiting and meeting people. This is my dream job!"

Although Hendrickson's position began at the end of July, he began recruiting for the team prior to beginning his position.

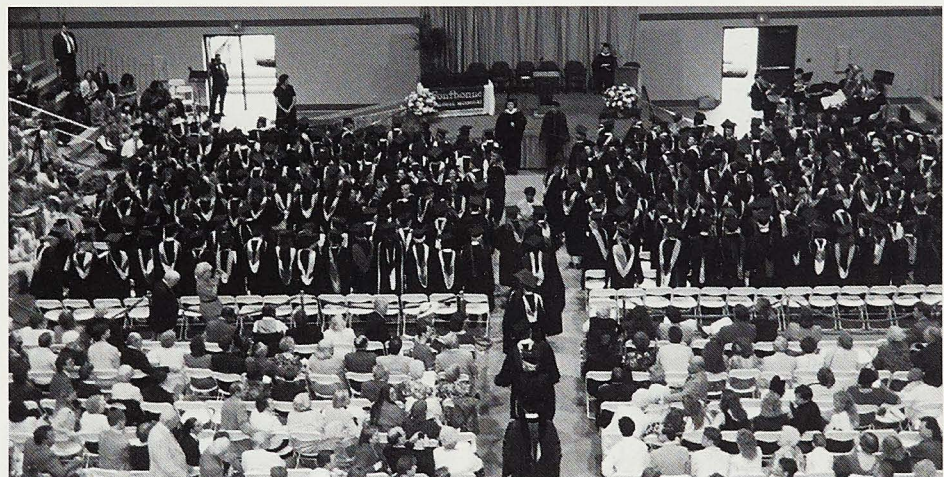
"I've been trying to see as many student-athletes as possible," says Hendrickson. "I want to recruit kids who can help us do well in the SLIAC, those who can step right in and take charge." The new coach's main goal is to increase the number of players on next year's team, drawing from his contacts in Illinois as well as Missouri.

Commencement—May 1995

You Can Move Mountains



Father Paul C. Reinert, SJ, addresses graduates at the May commencement ceremonies.



The Mabee Gymnasium is filled with graduates, their families and friends at the May commencement ceremonies.

A threat of rain loomed in the morning and flood waters reminiscent of the 1993 Great Flood prepared to crest in St. Louis and surrounding areas. But nearly 200 graduates faced sunshine in the afternoon as they walked in commencement ceremonies in the Dunham Student Activity Center, May 13.

The Reverend Paul C. Reinert, SJ, chancellor emeritus of Saint Louis University, spoke to the graduates, their families and friends at the ceremony.

"It's a great honor for me to come back to Fontbonne and say a few words (I hope) of wisdom. Believe it or not, 50 years ago I was actively involved in each graduation here at

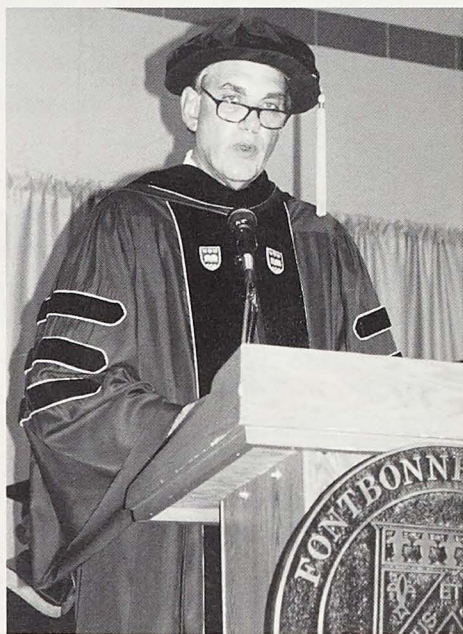
Fontbonne for several years. When I was first assigned to Saint Louis University in 1944, there were three Catholic colleges for women only in St. Louis — Fontbonne, Maryville and Webster. In those days a small college had great difficulty in being accredited by the North Central Association because the criteria were excessively quantitative — so many faculty with Ph.D.s, so many

volumes in the library, etc. So we got around that problem by getting the North Central to accredit Fontbonne as a Corporate College of Saint Louis University. This arrangement required the Dean of the College of Saint Louis University to certify each year that the Fontbonne faculty were first-rate, the students were meeting the entrance requirements and the requirements for graduation, etc. And so for several years, as a Regent of the Corporate College, I had to attend every commencement of the three Corporate Colleges — which meant four commencements on the

same weekend!! Fortunately, by the late 1940s Fontbonne and the other two had achieved their own separate accreditation independent of Saint Louis University. And Fontbonne has done extremely well on its own ever since."

Father Reinert served as president of Saint Louis University for 25 years, one of the longest-tenured university presidents in the country. He became chancellor in 1974 to devote more time to strengthening the many forms of support for the university. In 1990, he became chancellor emeritus, but continues to work full-time in the area of institutional support.

Father Reinert received two degrees from Saint Louis University and a doctorate from the University of Chicago.



Dennis C. Golden, Ed. D., Fontbonne's new president, presides over his first commencement exercises.

His leadership is reflected in the large number of offices he has held in educational and other groups. He has also served on numerous Federal Commissions and has been a member of the board of directors of many groups.

Under his leadership, Saint Louis University became an institution of national stature and a partner in the rebirth of St. Louis.

In 1977, he received the first award given by the Academy for Educational Development, chaired by former President Gerald Ford, to recognize his major contribution to the solution of critical problems in higher education.

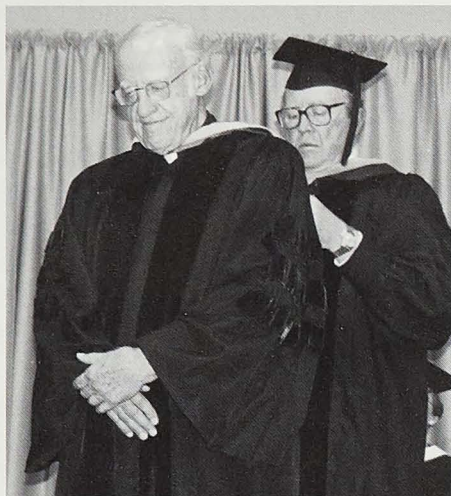
"Fontbonne has done so well by you because, unlike many other colleges including those with high national ratings, Fontbonne has always and continues to base its programs and services on a series of enduring values which permeate everything it does," says Father Reinert.

"Fontbonne's administration, faculty and staff aim steadily at making these values a lasting part of the graduates' lives after they leave this campus. These values include: quality (shoddiness is not acceptable); respect for every other person (no matter how different); diversity (here we really value cultural and ethnic differences); justice (respect for the basic rights of all); service ("I come to serve, not to be served." — that's Christ's own definition of Himself); and all of these values based on the Christian fundamentals of faith, hope, and love."

While reflecting on the troubles of the day, Father Reinert says, "Without faith in God, we are animals and the law of the jungle will prevail. In spite of all our advanced culture, our computerized technological successes, clearly the Lord is telling us everytime a human tragedy like Oklahoma City occurs exactly what Jesus told His first followers: 'Without me you can do nothing, but with me you can move mountains.'

"So, to do your part as a responsible human being and citizens of a civilized country whose motto is 'In God We Trust,' I am urging that you put together, merge and mingle the two dynamic forces which Fontbonne has driven to develop in each of you individually and in all of you as members of our society, the human family. On the one hand are the results of your own academic and personal developmental education here at Fontbonne — the ability to think logically, write clearly, speak truthfully, decide ethically, and to exercise a keenly sensitive social conscience. But on the other hand, Fontbonne has never ceased to remind you of that other dynamic force which alone can elevate those human qualities up, up to the supernatural level where you share the essential power of God's living presence in all you long for and work for — living faith in a Father who loves all his children, hope in His never-ending power to bring good out of evil, and love of all that He has made, especially humankind made in His image and likeness, destined to return to Him from whom we all came. So, the guaranteed formula for success and happiness: Become more human and more divine."

Following the conferring of degrees, Father Reinert received the degree of doctor of humane letters, honoris causa.



Father Reinert (left) receives a hood for his honorary doctorate from Van-Lear Black III (right), chairperson of the board of trustees.

Dr. Golden took great pleasure in awarding the alumni hood to Kevin W. Walsh, a social sciences major. Walsh was the student representative on the presidential search committee that selected Dr. Golden as president.

The Alumni Hood Award was established in 1938 to honor a graduating senior who has demonstrated in his/her college career the potential of being an outstanding alumnus/alumna. The recipient must have shown loyalty to Fontbonne through service to the college as a whole, to an academic department or to the College Community.

Walsh has been on the Dean's List for six semesters. On campus, he was a sports reporter for the

Fontbanner, Fontbonne's student newspaper, a representative of the student government association, president of the athletic association, a member of the Fontbonne ambassadors program, and served on the president and vice-presidential/academic dean search committees. During his entire college career, Walsh was a member of the men's basketball team. The past two seasons he was chosen to be captain. In 1993, Walsh was scholar athlete and was Academic All-Conference from 1992-95.

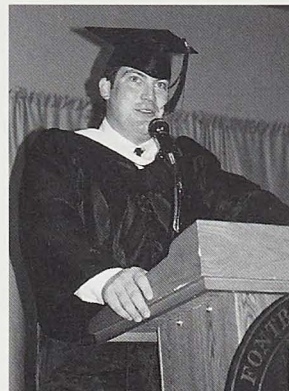
Walsh has coached and instructed grade-school aged children at Saint Louis University High School Basketball Camp. He also taught at Ladue Horton Watkins High School this past semester where he designed a secondary-level behavior management system.



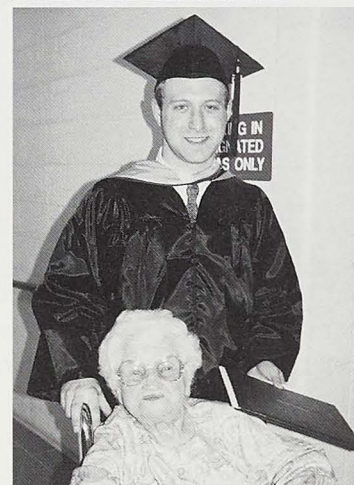
Kevin Walsh receives his alumni hood from Dr. Golden.

Drew DeCarro, communication arts major, delivered the senior statement to his fellow classmates.

Graduates "moved" to the Alumni Caf following the ceremony to celebrate with family and friends before going out to make their mark and move mountains.



Drew DeCarro delivers the senior statement to his fellow graduates.



Jason Hoeing, fine arts major, and his 102-year-old great aunt, Mayme Mintrup, celebrated Jason's accomplishment in the Caf following the ceremony.



Lisa Bertke, a computer and information sciences major, smiles with joy while leaving commencement exercises in the Dunham Student Activity Center.

ALUMNI

Everyone is Entitled to My Opinion

by Susan King

Walking into the office of Julianne Iwersen-Niemann '68, one would see the office of a woman with a sense of humor yet a woman serious about her job. Newspaper clippings are taped all over the walls of her office, even over her diplomas hanging on the wall opposite her desk.

"I find it easier to do a visual analysis of economic trends with clippings on the wall instead of in a file folder," says Niemann, senior vice president, equity research and portfolio management, Huntleigh Securities Corporation. "The clippings go up and come down.

"Creating the informed investor; that's my motto," says Niemann proudly.

Niemann, who majored in history/economics at Fontbonne, has been in the investment industry for 25 years. She does research on various companies, the economy and the stock market.

A poorly stuffed fish with straw coming out its mouth hangs on the wall over her computer. "My boss and my colleagues have these fish hanging all over the walls of their offices," she explains. "I don't fish, so I went to the store to buy one since this seems to be the thing to hang on your walls."

Next to her computer hangs a sign that reads, "Everyone is entitled to my opinion."



Julianne Iwersen-Niemann '68

Her opinion is what everyone wants to hear — her opinion on market and economic trends, that is. Her face, quotes or voice can be found in all the various media — radio, television and print.

"One day a producer from KMOX called me to do an open-line show with Anne Keefe as a fill-in," she recalls. "We had a great time. We got along well together . . . and had a *really* good time.

"Shortly, I received a call from the secretary of Bob Hyland, then general manager of KMOX, asking to see me. I thought, 'Oh no, maybe we had *too* good of a time.'

"I remember walking into his office. He was standing when I walked in. Apparently he never sat when people were in his office. I was so enthralled by the great Steuben glass collection that he had in his office

ALUMNI

that I just kept looking around. As I was looking, he said, 'I liked that. Do you want to do it everyday?' Still looking around and not paying much attention, I said, 'yes.' We shook hands and I walked out. I still don't know what happened."

She does the 3:05 and 4:35 p.m. closing market reports on weekdays on KMOX. She still guests on open-line shows when needed and has always made herself available to them as a fill-in.

Since Rod Zimmerman, current KMOX vice president and general manager, came to the station, he has upgraded the electronics bringing the station into the 20th century, according to Niemann. She now has a microphone with a direct link to the station next to her computer. She still goes to the station and does the open-line shows in the studio.

"I always make sure the microphone is off," she laughs. "I'm worried they will hear me when they're not supposed to hear me."

Every Friday morning, Niemann is on KTVI-TV, St. Louis' ABC affiliate, in a feature called "This Was the Week That Was in Business." She has also been a stock-market commentator on KMOV-TV (St. Louis' CBS affiliate), KSDK-TV (St. Louis' NBC affiliate) and KPLR-TV.

Niemann actually got her start as a "media figure" from the print media. "I got a reputation early on for not hedging," she says. "Sometimes I irritate them and sometimes I just amuse them, but I never mince words."

She is now on a list in a computer that services newspapers all over the country. She has been quoted in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Investor's Daily*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Fortune Magazine*, *Financial World* and other regional newspapers.

One time she was quoted incorrectly by a newspaper in Dallas. "I was upset," she explains. "I sent a letter to



Niemann's office comes complete with a microphone that has a direct link to KMOX-AM radio.

them and scorched them. I will never let them use me again. Too bad for them because my specialty is oil and gas," she laughs.

"I don't want to do puff pieces. I want to educate people. I say, 'This is the way it is.' I don't stretch on the facts or my opinions.

"There are so many 'scam du jours' out there that I want to educate people to make good investments. I want to clamp down on consumer and investor fraud through education."

To get the information she needs to form her opinion, Niemann scans the media looking for trends. "I read a number of newspapers, annual reports and magazines each day," says Niemann. "I can often see a trend six months before it happens."

A native of Kansas City, Niemann wasn't always sure she wanted to go into the investment industry. "During my junior year, Fontbonne made me declare a major. I added up my courses and declared.

"I came to Fontbonne because it was the farthest school from home that offered me a scholarship," recalls

ALUMNI

Niemann. "St. Louis was a long way away. It was exciting coming to St. Louis but yet not too far away from home.

"I attended a Catholic co-ed high school but wanted to attend a single sex, small college. Those were the only schools to which I applied.

"A single-sex education got girls out of their pigeon-holes and helped them compete for leadership roles and strive academically. The Sisters of St. Joseph pushed that philosophy.

"It was a transition time when I was in school. There were changes in the roles of women. Instead of going for your Mrs. (marriage) degree or FMA (Future Mothers of America), the Sisters stimulated us to get out there and do something. They were great role models, too, because they were out there making a difference."

Niemann remembers her days at Fontbonne fondly. With a laugh in her voice, she recalls the professors, sisters and administrators that made her school days so enjoyable. "I lived in the dorms. I met some nice young women who have remained life-long friends. The ones who still live in St. Louis get together regularly.

"Fontbonne was a great place to search out life. We all liked to talk, and we would sit around late at night

drinking coffee and talking about the world and what was happening. It was an exciting time to be in school.

"The teachers were always questioning and raising social consciousness. One time the sisters took a group of students to Selma, Ala., for a civil rights march with Martin Luther King Jr."

Fontbonne was fun for Niemann. A fun-loving student, she remembers being "campused" for having too many infractions. "When a student got campused they were to stay on campus all weekend. I would go over to the juniorate and hang out with the junior sisters. They were a lot of fun.

"Thank heaven for Sr. Margaret Eugene, the dean of students, who kept law and order in the dorms. Without her kindness and understanding, I probably would have been campused more often," she laughs.

Niemann's leadership qualities began to appear while at Fontbonne. She worked on *The Font*, Fontbonne's student newspaper. "Sr. Marcella Marie, then chair of the English department, taught me to be concise and never accept a sloppy product."



Fontbonne's 1967 Father/Daughter banquet at the then Sheraton Jefferson (Jefferson Arms). Juli Niemann is on the right. Her father, Dr. A.E. Iwersen is to her right. From left to right of Niemann are Mr. Hubach, Jo Ann Hubach Frey '68, Jane Louise Hadank Link '68, Mr. Hadank, next girl and her father unknown and Mary Lee Higgins Hummert '68 and Mr. Higgins. In the front of the photo is Susie Kelley Bick '68 and her father.

ALUMNI

Niemann served as a delegate in the Midwest Model United Nations, held at a St. Louis hotel. Nearly 300 colleges in the Midwest participated in the event. Each delegate was assigned a country and was asked to debate issues relevant to the time and the country.

As social chairman for Fontbonne, she planned several mixers. She was campus chair of the city-wide ecumenical organization, The National Conference of Christians and Jews, centered at Saint Louis University. She was also active in the civil rights and peace movements between 1964 and 1968.

"There weren't any organized sports for women in those days. There were only intramurals. We were required to participate in tennis, archery, field hockey and modern dance. We would swim in the pool and play basketball for fun.

"When we graduated from Fontbonne there was a sense of excitement. It wasn't like today when kids say, 'What do I do now?' It was 'What do you want to do?' There were so many possibilities open to us.

"**W**hen I graduated I took some time off. I went back to Kansas City and took my old job as a lifeguard for the summer.



Niemann shows off her wall of newspaper clippings and dart board in her office.

"Stock brokerage firms weren't hiring many women in those days, but I landed a job in the fall as a research assistant at Waddell & Reed, management for United Mutual Funds. It all started there."

Niemann took the LSAT and went to law school for one week. Back then people went to school at night, she explains. "I ended up taking some business courses at the University of Missouri — Kansas City. Two years later I was married to a professional basketball player. I started graduate school in several states, then 'oops, we're traded, and we were off again."

"In Dallas he was injured and his professional career was over. We then had to decide where we wanted to live. We were looking for a place with culture, a symphony, football and baseball teams and a moderate cost of living. Of all the places we had lived we found ourselves back in St. Louis.

"I finally finished my master's degree at the University of Missouri — St. Louis in 1977 and began teaching there in the finance department. Then I got a job at Edward D. Jones, Co. as a research analyst in 1978.

"In 1987 I started at Rowland managing the research department. They were soon merged with Simon and then were taken over by Stifel & Nicholas. I changed three firms in three years and didn't change my phone number. It's the nature of the business, changes and mergers.

"In 1990 I came to Huntleigh doing basically the same thing since I began working."

On the back of her office door at Huntleigh is a dart board with newspaper clippings. "This is my 'wall of shame,'" she explains. One clipping is a picture of four men (several with darts in them from lucky shots) who created financial fraud and brought down major institutions. "The men are an example of what greed and arrogance can do," she says. "This wall of shame always changes. I just have to make sure that the door is closed or that no one is opening the door when I'm throwing," she laughs.

ALUMNI



Niemann accepts her award at the 1992 Founders' Day Ceremony.

Niemann is a member of numerous professional organizations including serving as a national speaker on investment ethics and market regulation; Association for Investment Management and Research; chartered financial analyst, member of the national ethics committee, fellow of the Financial Analyst Federation; St. Louis Society of Financial Analysts (former president); National Association of the Petroleum Investment Analysts, member; Missouri State Securities Commission Advisory Board, member; and Women in Energy, member, just to name a few.

For hobbies, Niemann enjoys working on charitable boards and community organizations. Some of her community organizations include Confluence St. Louis, member, formerly on board of directors; Epworth Children's Home, board of directors, investment committee chair; Leadership St. Louis, finance committee; Rotary International, board of directors, Club 11; St. Louis College of Pharmacy, trustee, investment committee; St. Louis Forum, member, former president; Missouri Women's Forum, member; and chairman of the Investment Committee of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

She also enjoys travelling with her family. Her husband, Rich, is a high school chemistry and physics teacher who also coaches basketball and baseball. "One year we travel in the United States and the next year we go to Europe."

The Niemanns' daughter Chris recently graduated from college with a degree in environmental biology. She's working on a teaching certificate now.

In 1992, Niemann was the recipient of the Fontbonne Distinguished Alumni Service Award for her work in investment analysis/community service. "I was terribly flattered to be honored by my alma mater," she says.

"Fontbonne was a good springboard for everything," says Niemann. "It taught me to stand up as a person. You couldn't be wishy washy. They taught us to analyze, strategize and actualize."

Niemann has truly stood up and taken action. She has made a name for herself. And made Fontbonne proud to say it's her alma mater. **FCM**



Juli Niemann gathered with her friends at the 25-year reunion for the class of 1968. Pictured are (from left to right beginning in the front row) Mary Lee Higgins Hummert, unknown, Jene Randolph O'Blennis, Mary Ann Burkhart Kerr, unknown, Niemann, Madonna Houltram Brown, Fran West Gordon, Pam Kraus Nickels and Carol Halleck Moppins.

ALUMNI

Connection. . .to Tradition — Linking the Past to the Future

Did you know that a big part of Fontbonne's history is "linked" to a chain in the Library? Very few alums know it, but hidden in a glass case in the Library is a bronze chain connected to the shovel used for Fontbonne's groundbreaking in 1924. Bearing the year of the first class at Fontbonne (1927), the chain "links" that class year to each subsequent graduating year (each link inscribed with the year). The shovel and chain were virtually forgotten since 1964. Finding the historic chain seemed to provide the perfect theme for the inauguration of Fontbonne's 13th president, Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D. The theme allows Fontbonne to "connect" the past with the present and future, to "connect" the alums with the current students, to "connect" the St. Louis Community to the Fontbonne Community, to "connect" its heritage to present traditions, etc.

In a 1927 article in *The Font*, Senior Number, Fontbonne's student newspaper at the time, there is included a brief mention of the chain. The chain began on "Font Day" during the first commencement week celebration. The article had this to say about the event, "Also they will place a lacquered brass band, on which are engraved their names as members of the first class,



...TO TRADITION

**You're invited to attend
an Alumni Ceremony
at Fontbonne College
Sunday, August 13, 1995
2:30 to 4 p.m.**

upon the spade used in breaking ground for the college buildings: attached to this band is the first link of a long chain inscribed with '1927.' Having thus generously

inaugurated the customs which are to be followed at Fontbonne till the end of time . . ."

The program of commencement exercises for the senior class of 1931, a 10:45 a.m. ceremony on June 1, called for "adding the fifth link to the chain on the historic shovel."

After 31 years of neglect, it is time to renew this event. On Sunday, Aug. 13, members of all classes are invited to a chain-linking ceremony where the past links will be brought up to the present. A representative of each class year that is missing a link will attend the ceremony.

The short ceremony will include a few words from Dr. Golden and recognition of class representatives who are in attendance.

A reception will follow in the foyer of the Fine Arts Building.

The up-to-date chain will then be used in the inauguration ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 23.

In keeping with the tradition "until the end of time," plans are to add a link each year at May commencement ceremonies to continue this unique part of our heritage that was started by the first class of Fontbonne College in 1927.

ALUMNI

CONNECTION. . .to Academic Life — Fall Convocation

“...There are some things that last as long as time: the dreams that are builded into the walls of the school; the courage that raises its towers against the sky; all the tradition of faith and charity, of honor and courtesy will arise from the ashes of the Fontbonne of today, to make clear the way for the Fontbonne of tomorrow.”

The Font, 1930

Remember the days when Fontbonne held an annual academic convocation? Students donned academic regalia and attended the formal ceremony held during the school year. That tradition is being revived with an academic convocation planned for the first day of school, Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 3 to 4 p.m. The event will be held in the Fine Arts Theatre, Fine Arts Building. All alums are invited to attend.

Rev. David Tracy, STD, professor of religion at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, has accepted an invitation to be guest speaker at the convocation. Tracy will receive an honorary degree, doctorate of humane letters, from Fontbonne.

A native of New York, Tracy earned a licentiate in theology (STL) and a doctorate in theology (STD) from Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, in the 1960s.

He served as instructor in theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.,



...TO ACADEMIC LIFE

*You are invited
to an
Academic Convocation
at Fontbonne College
Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1995
3 to 4 p.m.*

before accepting his current position as professor of theology at the University of Chicago in 1969.

He serves on the committee on the analysis of ideas and methods and the committee on social thought at the University of Chicago. In 1985, he was named distinguished service professor and in 1987, he was named the Andrew Thomas Greeley

and Grace McNichols Greeley Distinguished Service Professor of Roman Catholic Studies. Tracy is the author, co-author, editor and co-editor of numerous books. His work has appeared in several journal articles and reviews. He is the former editor of *The Journal of Religion* and *Religious Studies Reviews*, *Concilium*.

Tracy is presently on the editorial boards of *The University of Chicago Press*, *Theology Today* and *The Journal of Pastoral Psychology*.

He belongs to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Academy of Religion, the American Theological Society, and the Catholic Theological Society of America, for which he served as president from 1977 through 1978.

His lecture engagements have taken him to Dublin, Beijing, Rome and Jerusalem and to many institutions in North America.

In November 1986, a feature article about Tracy appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*.

Renewal of the academic convocation tradition is inspired by the pending inauguration of Fontbonne's 13th president, Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D. The final event in the series of inaugural celebrations will be the October 18 Founders' Day Dinner, honoring alums and community leaders for their accomplishments and service.

ALUMNI

CONNECTION. . .to the Future — Your Inaugural Invitation

The Trustees of Fontbonne College

request the honor of your presence

at the Investiture of

Dennis C. Golden

as the thirteenth President of the College

Saturday, the twenty-third of September

Nineteen hundred and ninety-five

at half past one o'clock in the afternoon

Library Quadrangle

Fontbonne College

6800 Wydown Boulevard

St. Louis, Missouri

*Reception immediately
following the ceremony
Arnold Memorial Center*

*The favor of a reply is
requested by August 21
889-1480*

ALUMNI

Benefit Fashion Show Brings Alums Together



Betty Baerveldt Glickert '51, Betty Eifert Feld '51, Judy Feld (daughter), Ann Feld '77, Dot Westhoff Zeitingler '52, Jeanne Lertiz Callahan '51 (left to right) enjoy the pre-fashion show breakfast at Dillard's Galleria.

Eva Renda, Margaret Welsh Kramner '59, Dorothy Daley, CSJ '49 and Diane Renda Steck '71 (left to right) pose for a photo between breakfast and the fashion show.



Jane Mitchellette Hanneken '52 and Lee Stowers Haynes '92 (left to right) co-chaired the event.

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 63105-3098.

Name _____

Class year(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home and Business Phone _____

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.

ALUMNI

CONNECTION. . .to the Fontbonne Family —

Reunion Weekend Brings Alums Together for Fun, Good Memories and Rededication



...TO THE FONTBONNE FAMILY

*You are invited
back to
your alma mater
for an
Alumni Reunion
Saturday,
October 14, 1995
Fontbonne College*

*Mark your calendar
and join your
Fontbonne
friends.*

Celebrating Our Connection

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Brunch and Social

Dunham Student Activity Center,
Alumni Caf'

Recognition of Anniversary Classes
Distinguished Alumni Award Presented

1:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Alumni College

Fontbonne classrooms

Class I: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

(choose one)

Shakespeare & Film — Stratford and Canterbury

Joan Lescinski, CSJ, vice president and dean for academic affairs

Internet — Fontbonne's Path on the Information Highway

Mary Abkemeier, professor and director of master's program in
computer education

Class II: 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

(choose one)

Communication Skills — How Can You Tell If Someone Is
Lying to You?

Cheryl Baugh, assistant professor of speech

So . . . Who's Insane Anyway?

Debbie Phelps, Ph.D., assistant professor of social sciences

4 p.m.

Mass

Martha Hatch Doerr Chapel

5 p.m.

President's Reception

9 p.m.

Homecoming Dance

Dunham Student Activity Center
Alumni Caf'

Men's soccer game at Lindenwood College, 7 p.m.

Women's soccer game at the Soccer Park, 11 a.m.

ALUMNI

Alumni Notes

1940s

Evelyn Numainville Moenster '43 wrote a book on and for the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, Hot Springs, Ark. She met with President Clinton last July while he was in town for his high school class reunion and met his former high school teachers.

The son of **Mary Ellen Boggiano Bourneuf '45**, Stephen Bourneuf is a singer/dancer in "Hello Dolly" and serves as a personal trainer for the star of the show, Carol Channing, and her husband. The show will play at Kennedy Center and then open on Broadway in the fall.

1960s

Helen Petropoulos '65 received the 1995 Distinguished Principal Award for being recognized as a model educator at the 92nd annual convention of National Catholic Educational Association. Helen is the principal of Ste. Genevieve du Bois School in Warson Woods, Mo.

Bettsey Barhorst '67 was recently promoted to the position of executive assistant to the president at Illinois Central College in Peoria, Ill.

Anita Buie Lamont '69 is the new director for Charter Communications, the 13th-largest cable television company in the United States.

Pat Haughey Harper '69 has just published a new book "Happy Thoughts for a Healthy Life," a collection of the 365 best humorous food and fitness quotes and advice in a perpetual calendar format.

1970s

Ann Manganello Faitz '73 has become a partner in the firm of Chisenhall, Nestrud & Julian, concentrating in environmental compliance, regulation and litigation. The firm is located in Little Rock, Ark.

Kenneth Sowell '78 recently received the 1995 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Mathews-Dickey Boys Club.

1980s

Karen Krank Lindner '85 is teaching pottery at the Titusville Art League in Brevard County, Fla.

Reba Moss Sullentrup '86 was recently awarded the 1995 Mental Health Professional of the Year award. This award is given by the Alliance for the Mentally Ill in recognition of those who make significant contributions in the mental health field.

Jennifer Gross '89 has been promoted to office manager of ATD.

1990s

Lisa D. Williams '90 received her master of education degree from University of Missouri—St. Louis. Lisa is currently teaching at Ritenour High School in St. John, Mo. She is also co-owner of Williams Antiques and Upholstery in French Town, St. Charles, Mo.

Paul Courter '92 was elected to the Clayton (Mo.) School Board for three years. Paul is also an instructor for the Fontbonne OPTIONS program.

Keith A. Campbell '92 is the director of managed care at Retina Consultants and is working on his master of business administration degree at Saint Louis University.

Ken Neibrig '94 was appointed airport manager for both Shreveport, La., airports in August 1994. He is in the process of adding a \$20 million terminal expansion to the main commercial airport.

Barbara Dahlen-Boswell '94 has accepted a position with Mega Force, an alternative staffing service, as an office manager at the Jacksonville, N.C., office.

ALUMNI

Births

Diane Willard Schveninger '84 and husband, Doug, announce the birth of their son Christian Michael on January 7. **Susan Narup Ketcherside '81** and her husband, David, announce the birth of their first child Amy Lucille on March 10. **Ellen Sharp Clark '88** and husband, Martin, welcomed their fourth child into the family in January 1995. Eleanor Rose joins big sister Lilly Jane (six years) and brothers Oliver (four years) and Simon (two years). Ellen is busy as a full-time Mom! **Keith Campbell '92** and wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of their daughter Meghan Alexandra. **Mary Stoops McGlynn '89** and husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their daughter Colleen Elizabeth. **Julianna Faulkner Reardon '93** and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of their daughter Emily Margaret on May 4, 1994. **Michelle Ellmo Turnbull '88** and husband, Dan, announce the birth of their daughter Megan Christine, January 2. **Eric Barnes '94** and his wife, Carol, announce the birth of their third daughter Brittany Nicole on April 5.

Marriages

Barbara A. Dahlen '94 married John Thomas Boswell on Feb. 14 in South Carolina.

Carmelita Schmelig Kenney '52 Dies

Carmelita Schmelig Kenney, alum, former associate professor and Founders' Day Award recipient, died May 12. She was 64.

Kenney was born and raised in St. Louis. She earned a bachelor's degree in speech and drama from Fontbonne and a master's degree in theater from Northwestern University. From the mid-1950s to the mid-1960s, she was an associate professor and director of theater at Fontbonne. Before teaching at Fontbonne, she taught at North-

western and Columbia University in New York.

At national and local levels, Kenney was recognized as a leader in the evangelization program sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Bishops. For the first six months of 1991, she was named interim director of the National Council for Catholic Evangelization (NCCE), Washington, D.C. She was a member of the NCCE board of directors. She received the Paulist Fathers' 1991 National Award for Lay Evangelization.

She also served on the executive committee of the Billy Graham Crusade.

In October 1991, she was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Service Award at the annual Founders' Day dinner held at the University Club. She was honored for her volunteerism and evangelization.

Deaths

The Fontbonne College Alumni Association expresses sympathy to the families of the following alumni who died: **Mary Evelyn McKenna Tainter '34**, **Mary Rose Sheehan Galli '37**, **Virginia Shamleffer Tlapek '37**, **Lois Hough Thompson '50**, **Carmelita Schmelig Kenney '52**.

The Alumni Association also expresses sympathy to the following alumni on the death of an immediate relative: **Justine Freeman Power '58** (mother), **Cornelia Rindlaub Crabtree '53** (husband, Raymond), **Jane Foristel Dосkal '80** (mother), **Anne Bauer '75** (father), **Donna Grundler Wolter '91** (father), **Claudia Scholten Walkenbach '73** (father).



Carmelita Schmelig Kenney accepts her award at Founders' Day, 1991.

Fontbonne

Fontbonne College
6800 Wydown Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Address Correction Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
St. Louis, Missouri
Permit No. 1768

Summer 1995