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Calendar of Events

- Nov. 16, 8 p.m.--Meeting of liturgical conference in St. Theresa's hall, Grand and North Market st., with Fr. Alphonse Westhoff explaining the liturgical year. All students, especially NFCCS members, are urged to participate.
- 16--"Monsieur Vincent", French film of the life of St. Vincent de Paul, at Art theatre, 3134 Olive st., for indefinite run. Special ticket rates for groups. A great film
- 16--Laurence Olivier's film of Shakespeare's Henry V held over for another week at Shady Oak theatre. With reasonable identification, students are admitted for 60¢. The next attraction is Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby.
- through 30. Annual chrysanthemum shows at Jewel Box in Forest Park; Shaw's Garden, 2315 Tower Grove ave.; and Board of Education greenhouses, Field and Blow st.
- Nov. 17--Feast of Blessed Philippine Duchesne, with Mass "Dilexisti" in St. Louis.
- 12:10--FAA meeting in Ryan 301
- 1 p.m.--Regular meeting of Mothers' club in Fine Arts bldg., followed by card party in the cafeteria. Students are asked to remind their mothers to attend.
- 8:15 p.m.--Demonstration of Christmas Gift Wrappings and Table Decorations by Mrs. Ethel D. Stafford, sponsored by Home Economics club in Medaille hall.
- Nov. 18, 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of Phi Beta Chi in Chemistry Lecture room
- 3:30 p.m. and Nov. 19, 8:30 p.m.--Tosny Spivakovsky, violinist, with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Vladimir Golschmann conducting. Kiel opera house.
- 8 p.m.--Fall Festival of Sodality Union in St. Louis U gymnasium
- 18, 20, 21 at 8:15 p.m., and 19 at 2:15 p.m.--"Sweethearts" by Victor Herbert, presented by Fontbonne Glee Club in the college auditorium
- Nov. 19--Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary.
- Nov. 20--TWENTY-FOURTH and last Sunday after Pentecost.
- 20 to 26--Thanksgiving week clothing and soap drive conducted by the archdiocese in conjunction with the national campaign of the NCWC War Relief Services
- Nov. 21--Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Nov. 22--Thanksgiving vacation begins after the last class. No assembly will be held. This is a triple-cut day. According to a reminder from the dean's office, each class hour missed on this day counts as three cuts. A student may take only one cut per semester hour of a course.
- 22, 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of Home Economics club in Clothing room, Science bldg.
- 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of Spanish club
- 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of French club in Recital room, Fine Arts, featuring French Christmas chants and folk songs
- 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of Red Cross unit in Science 112
- 7:30 p.m.--Mr. Myron Schwartz and Mr. Henry Chadeayne lecture on "Community Understanding and Social Action in Basic Conditions for a Christian Community" at Des Peres hall, St. Louis U, under auspices of Catholic Interracial Council of St. Louis
- Nov. 24--THANKSGIVING DAY, best observed by Mass and Communion. Feast of St. John of the Cross
- Nov. 25--Feast of St. Catharine of Alexandria
- 25, 2 p.m., and Nov. 26, 8:30 p.m.--Alexander Uninsky, pianist, with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Vladimir Golschmann conducting. Kiel opera house.
- 25, 8:30 p.m.--First Reunion Dance of the alumnae of St. Joseph Academy, being held in Medaille hall
- Nov. 27-- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, and opening of the Liturgical Year.
- 27, 10:15 a.m.--Book review by Dorothy Hickey, junior, in series over KMOX. Edge of Doom by Leo Brady is reviewed.
- Nov. 28--Classes resume. A triple-cut day.
- Nov. 29, 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of Pep club.
- 29, 7:30 p.m.--Mr. Chester Stovall and Mr. Samuel Klein lecturing on "Labor and Industrial Relations in Special Conditions for Fulfillment of Ideals of a Christian Community", Des Peres hall, St. Louis U.
- Nov. 30--Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
- Dec. 1, 12:10 p.m.--Meeting of the Sodality of Our Lady in Recital room, Fine Arts bldg.
- Dec. 2--First Friday with Sodality Dialogue Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 14-- Key Day for senior class

KEY DAY, a traditional event at Fontbonne, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14. At a special noon-time assembly, Mother M. Marcella, president of the college, will present the Fontbonne key to the members of the senior class. The ceremony has been held previously in the early part of the second semester, but is being advanced this year so that the graduates may wear their keys during the Christmas holidays.

"THE FONT" SALUTES "OUR LADY'S PETALS". With a title originating in the invocation of our Blessed Mother as Mystical Rose, the new sodality organ appeared on the campus yesterday. The purpose of "Our Lady's Petals" is to promulgate and publish the glories of Mary and to foster her apostolate of bringing all mankind to the Heart of her divine Son. Each issue will carry a message on the spiritual life dictated by the director of the sodality at Fontbonne, Fr. Walter J. Galus, C.R., who is teacher of Religion also.

MOTHER M. MARCELLA, president of Fontbonne, extends most sincere thanks to all -- faculty members, students, alumnae, mothers, fathers, and friends -- who contributed so generously to the success of the Fourteenth Annual Homecoming on October 22.

Christmas is only 45 days away and even nearer is the task of wrapping that very special gift or making attractive table arrangements. MRS. ETHEL D. STAFFORD will demonstrate these two arts in a program on Thursday evening, Nov. 17, at 8:15 in Medaille hall. Mrs. Stafford is a staff officer of the Federated Garden clubs and a faculty member of Wydown school, Fontbonne's next-door neighbor. The profits of this program are to be used for equipment in the Home Economics department. Tickets are fifty cents and may be purchased from any student in the department.

With net receipts of more than \$900 over last year's amount, Fontbonne's 14th annual Homecoming brought in a total of \$3100 for the building fund of Medaille hall. In round numbers, the total gross receipts were \$4500 and the expenses \$1400. Of the net receipts, the highest sum came from the activities over the television set, that is \$913. The champion in the college at selling books for this is Marilyn Hammett, who disposed of 27. Marietta Grob won the award in the academy by selling 31. Marcella Vollmer, assistant manager of the cafeteria, outdid all workers by selling 53. Each of these champions received an award of ten dollars.

Next highest in receipts was the dinner, on which \$519 was cleared, with 664 dinners served, 55 of them to children. The dance, including the sale of "mums", netted \$456.75. Of this, \$220.50 came from college couples, and \$212.50 from academy couples. The card party ranked next in profits, clearing \$440. The white elephant booth with no expenses, made \$104.40. For the best decorated cars in the homecoming parade, prizes of five dollars were awarded to Mary Margaret Gibbons, alumna; Beverly Kennedy, college sophomore; and Bette Byrne, academy student.

"SWEETHEARTS", Victor Herbert's operatta familiar to St. Louisans from its performances at the Municipal Opera in Forest Park, is ready for a Fontbonne production next Friday, Sunday, and Monday evenings at 8:15, and Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The leading roles are being taken by two young singers who became engaged after singing important parts in last year's operetta, "The Firefly" by Rudolph Friml. They are Fontbonne senior, Joy Molumby, who sings Sylvia, and Charles Digman, who sings Franz.

The operetta is under the general direction of Sister M. Antone, instructor in the department of music and director of the glee club. The orchestra will be led by Mr. James J. Ball of the music department. Its members are Rena Abelson, Alice Cataldi, M. Audrey Giovanni, Alice Martin, Annette Nahmensen, Sylvia Tzinberg, and Helen Virtue. The accompanists are Patricia Ware, Regina Sheriden, and Marianne Bommer.

Tickets for the performances may be obtained by any member of the Glee club, and are \$1.25 for reserved seats and \$1 for general admission.

At the meeting of Fontbonne's Red Cross unit, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Science 112, Catharine Nelson and Joan Steffan, two juniors and new members of the Red Cross unit, will give an enthusiastic report of the regional meeting of the college units held at the Red Cross center last Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1949. Maryville, Harris, and Washington university units were also represented. All new members are reminded to attend next Tuesday's meeting.

Lily Vitt, junior, will represent Fontbonne at the monthly meeting of the Classical Club in the Women's Lounge, St. Louis university, at 2:30 next Sunday afternoon. The general discussion will concern "The Claim of Mental Growth" and Lily will defend the study of Latin and Greek as a helpful discipline in hard work. These discussions are held in the form of debates, Maryville being the objector this month.

Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, head of the department of Sociology at Fontbonne, was the speaker at the Monday Noon Forum at the Downtown YMCA on Nov. 14. His subject was "Psychological Aspects of Personal Security."

A motion picture will be part of the program of the meeting of the Spanish club next Tuesday. One featuring Jose Iturbi has been ordered. Sister M. Gertrude is moderator of the group.

Forty members of the senior class of Incarnate Word academy, Normandy, will come to Fontbonne Friday, Nov. 18. Attempting to make decisions concerning what college to attend, if any, the girls will examine buildings and equipment, visit classes, and see demonstrations. Students are reminded that it is important that they greet these visitors cordially and extend all possible help to them.

Sister M. Ermen, assistant librarian, returned to Fontbonne Sunday from a five-day trip with Mother M. Tarcisia, provincial superior, on which they visited St. Patrick's convent and Little Flower convent in Mobile, Alabama.

At a meeting which she attended on Nov. 13, Sister M. Alfred, professor of psychology and head of the department, was re-elected for a three-year term to the Board of Directors of the Child Center of Our Lady of Grace at 5320 Cabanne avenue.

The dean of Nazareth college, Rochester, New York, Sister Teresa Marie, spent Monday of this week at Fontbonne, making her second visit to the college in nineteen years. She was accompanied by Sister M. Ruth. They are Sisters of St. Joseph of a group with its headquarters in the Rochester diocese.

Mrs. Allen Broz, the former Betty Jane Haemerle of Fontbonne's class of '47, who is the holder of the Woman's State Golf championship, is now teaching physical education at the new Incarnate Word academy, Normandy. Her major at Fontbonne was physical education.

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

In conjunction with a nation-wide campaign sponsored by the NCWC to aid war victims, Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter has asked all St. Louisans to co-operate by donating CLOTHING AND SCAP. The drive will cover the week of Nov. 20 to 26, and all contributions should be taken to the parishes of the donors. The need for such help was emphasized last Friday over WEW by Betty Roehrig, who during the past summer saw at first-hand the conditions in Europe, especially in occupied Germany.

Mr. Vladimir GOLDSCHMANN, internationally famous conductor of the St. Louis Symphony orchestra, is a Di Stefano admirer. In a letter to Mother M. Marcella, president, on Nov. 12, he writes of the concert under the auspices of the Fontbonne alumnae which he conducted Nov. 6: "It gave me such pleasure to play for your fine audience and also to hear Mr. Di Stefano, who has one of the most beautiful voices I have ever heard."

"Being a student is a vocation" might be called the message of Vincent Giese, editor of Concord, at the PRESS WORKSHOP which he conducted last Saturday under the auspices of the NFCCS. Attending from Fontbonne were Peggy Murphy and Marilyn Miller, representing the NFCCS; Patricia Herbst of the NSA; and Georgianne Landy, Joan Heade, Joan Kane, Elizabeth Pope, Betty Curran, and Sister Anne Catherine, all of The Font. The next workshop for the region will be under the auspices of the Fontbonne unit and will treat of the sacred liturgy.

Fathers Robert Henle, S.J., and Laury Daly, S.J., of St. Louis university, conferred Nov. 1 at Fontbonne in the interests of the graduate work in Home Economics soon to be introduced there. Assisting in the planning are four Fontbonne faculty members--Sisters Martha and Rose Genevieve and Misses Teresa Carnody and Frances Troenl.

DESIGNS OF MEDAILLE HALL will be displayed at the Sheraton hotel Thursday and Friday in connection with the central states convention of the American Institute of Architects, along with other designs of structures planned by its architect, Mr. Joseph D. Murphy. The exhibition is composed of plans of buildings which have been constructed here within the past ten years. The displays are to be made available for exhibition outside St. Louis after the convention.

A senior and a freshman will have their verses published in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry compiled by the National Poetry Association, Los Angeles, California. The students are Joan Dottenwanger, senior, whose poem is entitled "Poems I Have Written", and Debra McGrath, freshman, who wrote "The Haynow."

Fontbonne has a connection, slight but meaningful, with the event which will interest all the nation next Friday. When St. Louis' Mrs. Carlton S. Hadley becomes the wife of Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, she will be joining the circle of neighbors in Paducah of Mr. Stoddard Robinson, late husband of the house mother of Medaille hall. While Mrs. Robinson herself never met the popular vice-president at his Kentucky home, she knows him to be considered by his fellow-Paducans as a superior man and citizen.

College students Barbara Quick, Therese Lyons, and Ruth O'Neill are members of the board of the ALUMNAE OF ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY who are making preparations for the Reunion Dance being held the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, in Medaille hall. All former students of the academy are invited to attend. Jack Field's seven-piece orchestra is to play, and refreshments will be served. Dancing commences at 8:30 p.m. Tickets at \$1.50 a couple may be purchased at St. Joseph's academy office in Science bldg., or at the door.

The class in Quantity Cookery is preparing the dinner for the meeting of the Fathers' club being held this evening, Nov. 16, in the cafeteria. Fifty men are expected to attend. This class also plans and cooks the lunch served in the cafeteria on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Approximately 350 diners of the college and academy are served then. In the class are eight young women and Sister Vincent of the Daughters of Charity and Sister Vincent of the Sisters of Christian Charity.

Under the chairmanship of Marilyn Miller, Fontbonne junior, the committee on the Overseas Program of the NFCCS will meet next Sunday at Maryville college. They expect to plan a city-wide affair to be held in the spring for the benefit of the OSP, which includes student relief, correspondence exchange, maintenance of work camps in Europe, a Displaced Persons program, and other activities connected with educational reconstruction.

As a result of a talk by Mrs. John F. McNulty to the student body last Tuesday, 32 students volunteered their services to sell tuberculosis pins. Mrs. McNulty of the St. Louis office of the Tuberculosis Society explained to the girls that they in pairs would sell the pins at hotels, restaurants, theatres, and civic offices for a three-hour period. As an optional compensation after their first three-hour period of selling, the workers will receive 60¢ an hour.

Called the best motion picture ever produced, "Monsieur Vincent" is now being shown at the Art Theatre. A French film, it had a run of over six months in New York, but survived only one week when given in St. Louis in the spring. It is a life of St. Vincent De Paul and has an adult appeal to Catholics. Its stay at the Art theatre is indefinite, and students are urged to prolong it by attending individually or in parties, for which special price concessions are given.

The role of America in the mission field is to provide a sanctified personnel, according to the MOST REV. CHARLES H. HELMSING, auxiliary bishop, who spoke to the CSMC unit at Fontbonne last Thursday. He described the mission problem as being fundamentally one of Catholic home and family life, and impressed upon students that their fidelity to ordinary duties and loyalty to God's Will in daily living can be a positive force in the mission field.

Two tickets to the FALL FESTIVAL were given to Mary Jane O'Brien and Rosemarie Archangel after their names were picked at Tuesday's assembly from a box containing the names of all Fontbonne's students. Picking the winners was Dorothy Charlier, the college's candidate for queen of the affair. At the festival, which is a dance with a circus atmosphere being held Friday, Nov. 18, at St. Louis U gymnasium, music will be played by Russ David's orchestra. The tickets are 60¢ and the entire proceeds for the night will go to missions designated by the colleges participating.

Prominent among the manuscripts accepted by The Fountain for publication in the December issue are a short story by Patti Trapp; "Un Jour Au 'Pierre's'" by Georgianne Landy; "Patterns", a poem by Joan Dettenwanger; examples of the Character by Lois Hough, Debra McGrath, and Jeanette Naumer; an article on contemporary Catholic fiction by Dorothy Hickey; an article on student responsibility by Mary Therese Hartigan; book reviews by Virginia Cox and Elizabeth Pape.

The first issue of The Fountain will appear in December before the holidays. Each student will receive a copy paid for from her activity fee. Additional copies may be purchased from the staff.

MARYLEE BYRNES was unanimously elected to the office of secretary of the Student Activities Council at its meeting Friday, Nov. 11. During the coming year she will also represent the Mission unit at the meetings.

At its annual meeting last Friday at the Statler hotel, the Missouri Dietetics association elected as its secretary SISTER ROSE GENEVIEVE, assistant professor of dietetics at Fontbonne.

BETTY ROEMERIG, junior, is to be one of the hostesses at the party in St. Roch's hall next Sunday evening for 110 new residents of the city and county who have come from their homes in Europe under the Archbishop's program for displaced persons. St. Roch's Council of Catholic Women is in charge.

The Missouri Gamma Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, NATIONAL MATHEMATICS SOCIETY, held its first meeting of the scholastic year at Webster college last Saturday afternoon. The guest speaker was Carl Kisslinger, instructor at the Institute of Technology, St. Louis U, whose topic was "Cosmic Ray Paths." Fontbonne was represented by Sisters Teresine and Helen Joseph, Geraldine Wand and Evelyn Murrill.

FRANCE COMES TO YOU. The exhibition of French trade and travel, sponsored by the French Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which was held at the Chase hotel during the past week was enjoyed by many Fontbonne personnel individually and in groups, French teachers and students among them. On Nov. 15 it was seen by classes in Experimental Cookery and in Money and Banking.

As a result of voting during the closed assembly of Tuesday of this week, the STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE was made a standing committee of the student government. This council, which was formed a year ago, is planned to co-ordinate the activities of campus organizations and to present an opportunity for common problems and projects to be discussed. Mary Louise Lennenmann, vice-president of the Student Council, will continue to serve as chairman of the organization, and under her direction the committee will draw up a charter.

The RESIDENT STUDENTS' CHOIR, a group of girls who practice weekly under the direction of Sister Antone for the purpose of leading the entire school in congregational singing, has begun preparation of the proper parts of the Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8. Also, this schola cantorum will alternate with the congregation of boarders and day students in singing the communion hymn to be introduced on the first Friday of December and continued at each Sodality Mass.

On account of the length of the Thanksgiving vacation, The Font Letter will not appear until the week following Thanksgiving. Tuesday, Nov. 22, and Monday, Nov. 28, being the days before and after a vacation, will be triple-cut days. No assembly will be held Tuesday of next week, Nov. 22.

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