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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February -- designated as "Heart Month" by Mayor Joseph M. Darst

Feb. 3--Feast of St. Blase and First Friday

3, 8:30 a.m.--Sodality Mass and Communion

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day

12-15 to 1:15--Holy Hour in Chapel in compliance with Pope's request for more prayer during Holy Year

5 p.m.--Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, open to the student body

8 p.m.--Junior promenade in Medaille Hall ballroom, with Herman Drake's orchestra

Feb. 4--First Saturday, especially devoted to Our Lady of Fatima

4, 2:30 p.m.--Patricia Ware, senior, on "Tune in the Colleges" over WEW presents selections from her piano thesis

Feb. 5--SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY. See explanation of the text of the Mass in the St. Louis Register or St. Andrew's missal.

5, 2:30 p.m.--Meeting and tea of Fontbonne alumnae association in Medaille Hall with the class of '42 as hostesses

5, 8 p.m.--Notre Dame Glee Club in concert in opera house of Kiel auditorium under auspices of Kirkwood Council, Knights of Columbus. Tickets \$1.25 and \$1.85.

Feb. 7, 3 p.m.--Assembly program conducted by NFCCS with talks by Peggy Ann Murphy, Marilyn Miller, and Catharine Nelson, stressing Overseas Service Program and award of Holy Year Tour.

7, 7:30 p.m.--Alumnae gymnasium and swimming classes in Fontbonne gym; to be held every Tuesday for sixteen more weeks

Feb. 9, 12:10 p.m.--Business meeting of the Mission Unit in Recital room

Feb. 11--Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Deadline for all NFCCS short story and poster contest entries. See Ryan Hall bulletin board for further information.

11, 2 p.m.--Quarterly meeting of Missouri Gamma chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics society, in Medaille Hall with Fontbonne members as hostesses.

Feb. 12, 12:30 p.m.--Conference on "Christian Living in the Family" sponsored by the Archdiocesan Councils of Catholic Men and Women and Fontbonne College and held in Fontbonne auditorium.

12, 2:30 p.m.--Fr. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Notre Dame University, will review his book "The Road to Damascus" at St. Elizabeth Academy, 3401 Arsenal st., under auspices of the alumnae association.

12, 8:15 p.m.--Te Deum forum, held at Rosati-Kain auditorium, with Fr. John A. O'Brien of Notre Dame U speaking on "The Domestic Citadel". Tickets can be obtained from IRC officers of Fontbonne.

14, 8 p.m.--Meeting of Horse Show Association in den of Ryan Hall in preparation for the Fontbonne Horse Show on April 12, 13, and 14.

13, 8 p.m.--Card party of alumnae of Visitation Academy in Gold Room of Hotel Jefferson

Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.--Dinner of Fontbonne IRC in Green Parrot Inn

Feb. 18 -- Competitive examinations for scholarships to Fontbonne College, held at Fontbonne and seven out-of-town centers.

Feb. 24, 12:10 p.m.--Marianne Bommer, freshman, in noon-time piano recital.

April 1 to 12--Easter vacation of Fontbonne College, corrected dates.

Last year's COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT FONTBONNE earned for the speaker, Dr. Clarence E. Manion, an award granted last Sunday at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., by Freedoms Foundation. Dr. Manion, who is dean of the College of Law of Notre Dame University, demonstrated that the way of life of the Founders of our country is an intensely Christian way of life.

Students willing to preside at the NSA BOOTH in Fox Theatre on the three days assigned to Fontbonne's workers--Feb. 17, 18, 19--are asked to contact Jean Anderson, campus chairman. Students are on duty for three hours only. At the booth signatures are recorded of persons willing to petition the Public Service Company for restoration of student car-passes, a NSA project.

Dr. Mary Isabel Winslow, director of student counseling, will attend at Career Conference at the University of Missouri, Columbia, on Feb. 17 and 18. The sessions are for deans and advisors of college women.

Giuseppe Di Stefano's RCA Victor recording is the best-selling single record in St. Louis, according to "Concert Recordings", the column conducted by Thomas B. Sherman in the Post-Dispatch on Jan. 26. Side A features a recitative and an aria from Act 2 of Verdi's La Traviata: "Lunge da lei" and "De Miei Bollenti Spiriti". Side B records the aria "E Lucevan le Stelle" from Act 3 of Puccini's La Tosca, which Mr. Di Stefano sang as an encore at his Fontbonne concert with the St. Louis Symphony Nov. 6 last. The recording was made in Europe under the baton of Albert Erede. One Di Stefano fan from Fontbonne was able to secure the record in the fifth store in which she shopped for it, the Aeolian. The music-lover is Eugenia Hettel, freshman.

"Miss Hickey endears herself to her Fontbonne audiences with a simplicity and tenderness of interpretation, showing fastidious study of character and intense dramatic appreciation." This is the comment of the head of Fontbonne's department of speech, Miss Belle M. Mullins, on the dramatic reading of Miss Mary Louise Hickey as done at last Tuesday's assembly and for the past seven years. Her selections this year were from the writers of the Irish Revival.

The STAFF of this Font Letter is Georgianne Landy and Joan Heade, co-editors; Eugenia Hettel, calendar editor; and Rosemarie Archangel, Angela Eckstein, Lily Vitt, Joan Kane, Bertha Vessell, Mary Frances Andrews, Carole Meyer, Mary Agnes Kendzora, Betty Curran, Lorraine Henpen, Patricia Stahl, Carmolita Schnellig, and Kathern Borschardt.



SISTER M. MARTHA SCOTT, director of the department of Home Economics of Fontbonne, has been named acting director of the new program in Home Economics Education being initiated in June at St. Louis University. It is offered by the University with the co-operation of Fontbonne College, and leads to a Master of Education degree with a major in Home Economics Education. In this program, lower division as well as additional upper division courses in specific areas of Home Economics are given at Fontbonne. The faculty, advisory committee, and visiting lecturers will be from Fontbonne, the University, and other colleges, and will be taken from the departments of Home Economics, Education, Sociology, Psychology, and Religion, and from the University's School of Social Work.

This program is a milestone in the history of Catholic education, for it gives the first opportunity for a master's degree in Home Economics Education ever afforded under Catholic auspices.

Sister Martha was in Chicago Jan. 21 and 22 for meetings with officers of the National Catholic Council of Home Economics who assisted in setting up the program.

To commemorate St. VALENTINE'S feast, Feb. 14, the day of brotherly love and friendliness, the International Relations Club on campus will hold a dinner at the Green Parrot Inn, 1500 W. Big Bend blvd., Kirkwood, at 6:30 p.m. Mary Carey, senior, is taking reservations.

On the same day the IRC will hold a discussion meeting in the Recital Room, Fine Arts, at 12:10. The subject is "The Policy of the United States toward Spain."

At a special meeting of Sigma Beta Mu, Fontbonne's music club, held Jan. 23, SISTER M. ANTOINE, instructor in music, reported on her trip in early January to the college of the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the Woods, Indiana. At a series of meetings there, attended by representatives of the departments of several Catholic colleges, a national Catholic honorary music society was established, its purpose being to unite and give experience to Catholic leaders in music, who will, of course, come from the colleges. Chapters of the new society, called Delta Mu Theta, may be established only in Catholic colleges conferring degrees in music, and these colleges must furthermore meet two requirements: first, they must offer an accredited course in Liturgical Music; and second, they must hold each month on the campus a liturgical function which gives opportunity for participation by the entire student body.

With the beginning of the second semester, Fr. Mary I. Winslow assumed the office of Integrator of the Humanities Courses. Students wishing information regarding the courses should see Fr. Winslow in her office in Fine Arts, Room 112. The box for cards with reports of readings is now placed outside this office of Dr. Winslow, and not in the library as formerly was done. Sister M. Alfred was previously the co-ordinator.

Lois Hough, semester graduate, has been engaged as an instructor at the St. Louis Training School, Bellefontaine and Hall roads. On Feb. 1 she began her observation period at this institution for special pupils, held in co-operation with the Bellefontaine Farms.

An official COMMISSION ON SACRED LITURGY in this region of the NFCCS may be the outcome of the workshop held at Fontbonne Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29. In order to be set up by the national office of the NFCCS, a commission must be recommended by two schools which are taking an active interest in it and have done something positive to prove its value to the region.

About fifty representatives from Fontbonne, Webster, and the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Commerce and Finance, and the Institute of Technology of St. Louis University took part in the workshop, which opened with the recitation of Sext and closed with the singing of Vespers, two hours of the Divine Office. Miss Dorothy Weipert of Holy Cross parish, who is a teacher of Gregorian chant at Grailville, Ohio, rehearsed the group on the hymn at Vespers, "Lucis Creator" and the seasonal anthem of Our Lady, "Alma Redemptoris Mater." Fr. Patrick Molloy of Robertson and Fr. Clarence Hesseldenz of Webster gave a demonstration of the administration of Baptism.

THE FONT SALUTES FAN. Under the leadership of last year's editor of The Font Letter, Mary Louise Streit, a news organ for Fontbonne alumnae made its appearance with the New Year, and was mailed to the 596 members of their association. Assisting the editor were three members of her class of '49, Mary Jeanne Reedy, Louise Benz, and Mrs. J. Patrick Wheeler (Mary Ellen Rootto) and a corps of class correspondents. The paper, in mimeographed format, is dubbed FAN, Fontbonne Alumnae News.

This year's officers of FONTBONNE FATHERS' CLUB include two fathers of college girls. They are Mr. Andrew Clasquin, president, father of Mary, a freshman, and Mr. Herman J. Stapenhorst, treasurer, father of Rosemary, senior and president of student government.

"I don't agree with the idea that the only way to maintain freedom is by force. You cannot disregard the individual lives which would be used in making peace by force. Permanent peace can come only through brotherhood and Christianity, and not by developing ghastly weapons."

In these words, Mary Therese Hartigan, sophomore, expressed her views on the developing of the H-bomb in a poll reported on the front page of the Globe-Democrat Monday morning, Jan. 30. As regional head of the NSA, she was interviewed along with a dozen or more leaders in religious, educational, civic, social, and other circles in the city.



Chaperones for the JUNIOR PROMENADE Friday evening in Medaille Hall are members of the lay faculty and of the families of juniors. They include Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Marselli, Dr. Mary Isabel Winslow, Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, Mrs. J. Stoddard Robertson, Miss Ida Lorschbach, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graeff, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hilker, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Pierce, Miss Louise Vitt and Mr. Ted Vogelweid. Newspaper photographs will be taken of groups of dancers, for wide interest is shown in the plan of Fontbonne students to wear only formal dresses which accord with Christian principles.

Tryouts will be held next Tuesday for the ANNUAL MUSICAL produced by the Pep Club. Using St. Louis as its theme, the musical will feature scenes revolving around the St. Louis levee, the ball park, the world-famous Many Opera, the World's Fair of 1904, and others. The program, which was previously scheduled for mid-February, will be held at a later date. The title and the members of the cast will be announced after the tryout

Evelyn Post, sophomore, will be a soloist at the annual March of Dimes concert to be given by the Washington Civic Orchestra in Washington, Mo., her home. The program, which will feature other Washington soloists, will be next Sunday, Feb. 5, in City Park auditorium there. Evelyn, who is a music major, will play these piano numbers: Gavotte and Musette by Eugen d'Albert, and Etude, Op. 25, No. 12, by Chopin.

CURRENT WEDDING CEREMONIES are involving present as well as past students of Fontbonne.

Joan Reid '52 left the college Feb. 1 for her home in Sedalia, Mo., where she is to be a member of the wedding party of her sister, Mary Lucille Reid '45, who will be married at ten o'clock Mass Saturday to Dr. John Joseph Eusterman. Elizabeth M. Reid '45 is another sister of the bride.

Joan Heade '52 was a maid of honor when Paula Jean Lawler of her class at St. Joseph's Academy was married to Everett Edward Bruer at St. Luke's Church at nine o'clock Mass last Saturday. The couple will reside in Rolla, Mo., where Mr. Bruer is a student at the School of Mines.

Mary Jeanne Reedy '49 has announced May 20 as the date of her marriage to Gerald Doss Holmes. The ceremony will take place before Nuptial Mass offered in St. Mary Magdalen Church by Fr. Wm. F. Mullally, the pastor. In the wedding party will be Mary Louise Streit '49 as maid of honor, Jane Tracy '49, Mari Kingston '49, and Mrs. James Combs, who as Bette Newman attended Fontbonne beginning in 1945.

Patricia Ann Hayes, who attended Fontbonne for one year after her graduation from St. Joseph's Academy in 1947, announced at a tea at her home on Jan. 22 her engagement to Robert Irwin Stoverink, a graduate of Christian Brothers Military High School.

Doris Theresa Milton '48 will be married to John Francis Halloran in Chaminade College Chapel on Feb. 18 at Nuptial Mass at ten o'clock.

The marriage of Rosemary C. Holden '45 to Frank Esson Brennan will take place Feb. 11 at 9 o'clock preceding a Nuptial Mass in St. Edward's Church, St. Louis. The bride's brother, Jerome T. Holden, recently married one of her classmates, Rosejean Kisling.

The DEAN'S HONOR ROLL for the first semester displays three names of students with straight-A averages--Mary Veidt, senior, and Jeanette Maschmann and Elizabeth Pape, sophomores. The complete roll:

SENIORS		A	B	SOPHOMORES		A	B
Maryleo Byrnes		4	3	Jean Anderson		3	4
Helen G. Cataldi		3	4	Angeline Bolesina		7	1
Virginia Cox		3	3	Elizabeth Breen		6	1
Sue Ann De Lisle		3	4	M. Constance Fiedler		1	6
Joan Dettenwanger		3	2	Margaret E. Ford		1	7
Sr. Vincent Huber SCC		2	3	Mary T. Hartigan		5	2
Joan McCartney		4	2	Patricia Ann Herbst		3	5
Virginia McGrath		2	2	Joyce Ann Higgins		4	4
Mary Joy Molunby		4	3	Patricia Ann Lorenz		6	1
Jo-Ann Monnig		3	4	M. Therese Lyons		4	3
Evelyn Murrill		5	1	Jeanette Maschmann		6	0
Hortense Prost		5	2	Mary Claire Nolan		6	2
Barbara Quick		2	5	Ruth Marie O'Neill		3	4
Mary E. Veidt		7	0	Elizabeth M. Pape		6	0
Geraldine Wand		3	3	Evelyn B. Post		4	4
Mildred Zeis		2	4	Ruth Adele Raupp		1	5
				Mary Ann Russell		7	1
				Carmelita Schmellig		5	4
				Shirley Mae Wilson		2	4
				Catherine Young		2	5
JUNIORS		A	B	FRESHMEN		A	B
Sr. Ann Bernard CCVI		5	1	Marianne Bonner		6	3
M. Dolores Beckman		3	4	Lois Knopp		5	2
Nancy Lee Carter		1	6	Mary Ann Kuhlman		4	4
Doraldine Garcia		4	3	Louan Marionau		3	4
Dolores M. Ryan		4	2	Jeanette F. Naumer		5	3
Joan Gloria Steffen		2	3	Rosemary Pitlyk		4	4
Sr. M de Lellis RSM		3	1	Maurine Saulan		3	4
Lily Van Dyke Vitt		3	3	Peggy Jeanne Wardein		4	3
Mary Ellen Campion		1	6				

New students this semester include Lilian Yoshimoto, who came so quickly by air from her home in Hawaii that she was able to wear in St. Louis the leis, fresh and becoming, given her on her departure. A junior, she had two years in the University of Hawaii since completing her high school work at Sacred Heart parish, Honolulu. She is an American citizen and expects to return to her home in Honolulu with a degree qualifying her to teach.

Rosalie Baltodano, a cousin of Norma Gonzalez, Fontbonne's student from Nicaragua, has enrolled as a special student while she masters the English language. Other students just registered include Muriel Keel from Sumner High School, and the special students Margaret Rondall, Rae Zintel, and Mae Yanaoka, all from St. Louis, and Jane Henry, B.S., from Frankfort, Kentucky.



Three NEW INSTRUCTORS have taken charge of Fontbonne classes this semester. Sister M. Arthur, C.S.J., comes to the music department from Rosati-Kain high school and will continue to carry on work there two days each week. She received her degree of bachelor of music here in 1947 and is continuing her study in her field.

Mrs. Margaret E. Malcolmsen, who is taking the classes in English composition formerly taught by Mrs. Richard Chomeau, is a graduate of Mary Institute here. She did college work in Smith College, Northampton, Mass., Chicago Teachers' College, and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.Y., where she received her master's degree in French. She has studied at Oxford University in England and the Sorbonne in Paris, and has traveled extensively throughout Europe. She has taught at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N.Y.; New Jersey College for Women, New Brunswick, N.Y.; Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y., and was dean of women at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.

Mr. Thomas Phelan succeeds Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fay in the department of philosophy, initiating the classes in Introduction to Philosophy. Mr. Fay will do full-time class work at St. Louis University this semester. Mr. Phelan taught Logic last semester at the University, where he is a graduate student. His earlier education was taken at Regis College, Denver, and St. Francis de Sales High School in that city, where he was in the algebra classes of Sister M. Teresine, now head of Fontbonne's department of mathematics.

With Helen Margaret McEvoy as Clayton chairman for students' activities for the March of Dimes, collections amounted to a little more than \$450. At Van Horn's Farm, Helen and Beverly Kennedy, co-chairman with her for Fontbonne activities, collected \$100 on the evening of Jan. 21. Other campus teams received \$35 in their canvassing, among the collectors being Maureen Reiser, Marcella Vogt, Carol Meyer, and Peggy Donohue. St. Joseph Academy teams collected \$50, and those from Washington University \$265. In the assembly on March 31, the last day of the drive, \$10.87 was contributed.

Election and inauguration by proxy of Jean Anderson, sophomore, to the position of secretary of the Beta Zeta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, national classical honor society, took place at a meeting of the organization held Jan. 29 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Korfmacher. Dr. Korfmacher is head of the department of classical languages at St. Louis University and national secretary of Eta Sigma Phi.

Patricia Ann Lorenz, vice-president, succeeds Dorothy Costello as president of the sophomore class. Dorothy left Fontbonne Jan. 26 for her home in Springfield, Mo., where she is needed because of her mother's illness. She hopes to be able to continue some class work at Drury College there.

At a joint meeting of the Red Cross and the Pep Club at noon Jan. 31, Miss Marie Josephine Carr explained the Red Cross drive for funds to be held in March. A booth is to be set up in Ryan Hall at which students may make their donations during the month. A card will be given each girl and punched as she gives, in installments if she prefers, her contribution of one dollar, which procures for her membership in the American Red Cross and the assurance that she is aiding to supply clothing and food to devastated areas, material aid for veterans and their dependents, and support for the regional blood bank.

At the military ball at St. Louis University on Feb. 21, honorary military rank will be conferred on seven young women, delegates from the schools of the U and the corporate colleges. Fontbonne's delegates, chosen at assembly Jan. 31, are Dorothy Charlier, Donna Hogan, and Jayne Hough. The Arnold Society of the ROTC is in charge.

According to a statement made Feb. 1 by Miss Betty M. Baker, head of the department of physical education, Fontbonne Athletic Association will sponsor some invitational games with other schools this year. The plans at present include participation in badminton, basketball, tennis, swimming, and volleyball. Other sports will be sponsored by the association at the request of interested students. Bowling and skating parties can be organized by members of the association at any time upon the approval of the department of physical education. Points towards school letters will be given for these activities.

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