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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY -- CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

- Feb. 9--Special showing at Art Museum of vestments of the Russian Orthodox Church, continuing indefinitely  
9, 12:10 p.m.--Business meeting of the CSMC unit in the Recital room, Fine Arts
- Feb. 10, 12:10--Helen Cataldi, student of voice, in noonday recital in Recital room.
- Feb. 11--Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  
Deadline for all NFCCS short story and poster contest entries. Details on Ryan board.
- Feb. 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.--Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter will preside at a 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 of Notre Dame U reviewing his book "The Road to Damascus" at St. Elizabeth Academy under auspices of the alumnae association.  
12, 8:15 p.m.--Te Deum Forum, held at Rosati-Kain auditorium, presents Fr. John A. O'Brien of Notre Dame U speaking on "The Domestic Citadel". Tickets can be had from IRC officers.
- Feb. 13--Seniors from Eugene Coyle High School, Kirkwood, will visit classes at Fontbonne, and Joan McCartney, senior, and other Fontbonne students from Coyle will assist in entertaining them.  
13, 8 p.m.--Card Party of alumnae of Visitation Academy in Gold Room of Hotel Jefferson
- Feb. 14--Meeting of Horse Show Association in den of Ryan Hall in preparation for the Fontbonne Horse Show at Missouri Stables on April 12, 13, and 14.
- Feb. 14--Feast of Saint Valentine. Fr. John B. Murphy, C.M., is speaker at assembly.  
14, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.--Comprehensive examinations in major fields for seniors in Ryan 301.  
14, noon--Annual Valentine Day cake sale and raffle sponsored by Home Economics club.  
14, 12:10 p.m.--IRC meeting, discussing the policy of the U.S. toward Spain, with Mary T. Hartigan and Jackie Shelton as chairmen.  
14, 6:30 p.m.--Dinner of Fontbonne IRC in Green Parrot Inn, Kirkwood.
- Feb. 15, 8:15 p.m.--Mary Joy Molunby presents her thesis, a voice recital, in Fontbonne auditorium, with Mrs. Doyne Neal as accompanist.  
15, 4 to 8 p.m.--Chili supper, sports, and entertainment for FAA in gymnasium.
- Feb. 17, 18, 19--Fontbonne NSA workers will obtain signatures at Fox theatre for restoration of student car passes by Public Service Co.
- Feb. 17, 12:10 p.m.--First of six noon meetings of NSA clinic on student government  
17, 8:30 p.m.--A Basket Ball, informal dance in St. Louis U gym given by the Conclave, with Rosemary Stapenhorst, Fontbonne representative, distributing tickets at fifty cents.
- Feb. 18--Competitive examinations for scholarships to Fontbonne College, held at Fontbonne and seven out-of-town centers.
- Feb. 19--SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY. See explanation of the text of the Mass in the St. Louis Register or St. Andrew's Missal.
- Feb. 19 to 25--National Catholic Book Week, with its slogan "Holy Reading Maketh the Whole Man."
- Feb. 19 to 26--Brotherhood Week, to be marked by observances at assembly the following Tuesday, Feb. 28.
- Feb. 20, 8 p.m.--Msgr. Martin B. Hellriegel will speak on the liturgy of Lent in St. Liborius' Church under sponsorship of Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission.
- Feb. 21, 3 p.m.--Assembly speaker will be Fr. Xavier S. Thani Nayagan, founder and director of the Tamil Literature Society of India, Ceylon, and Malaya, explaining a new mission approach that is effective in combating Communism and materialism.  
21, 8 p.m.--A semi-formal dance, a "Hatchet Hop" to mark Washington's birthday, sponsored in Medaille Hall by the sophomore class for the student body.
- Feb. 22--Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent.

Launching a CLINIC TO IMPROVE STUDENT GOVERNMENT at Fontbonne, Fr. John B. Murphy, C.M., Ph. D., will speak at next week's assembly on "Leadership in Catholic Colleges." At present a teacher of biology both at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary and St. Louis University, Fr. Murphy was formerly the chairman of biology at De Paul University, Chicago, and is the author of two laboratory manuals, contributor to science journals, and member of science honor societies. He spoke to Fontbonne students last April 11 on conditions in China, from which he had just returned.

The clinic which he inaugurates will continue with sessions at six successive Friday noon periods, commencing Feb. 17. An NSA project, it is under the chairmanship of Helen Margaret McEvoy, sophomore. All students are urged to take part.

Nine SCHOLARSHIPS TO FONTBONNE will be at stake Saturday of next week, Feb. 18, when competitive examinations are to be given at the college and in seven out-of-town centers. The awards include two 4-year academic scholarships for day students, valued at \$800 and \$400, respectively; two 4-year academic scholarships for resident students, valued at \$1200 each; and five music scholarships--for piano, voice, and organ--valued at \$400 each. Examinations are being held in Indianapolis, Ind., Chicago, Ill., Peoria, Ill., Augusta, Georgia, Green Bay, Wis., Little Rock, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn.

Students are requested to publicize these examinations. Full particulars can be obtained from Miss Teresa Hafertepe or from faculty members.

The STAFF of this Font Letter is Georgianne Landy and Joan Heade, co-editors; Eugenia Hettel, calendar editor; and Rosemarie Archangel, Angela Eckstein, Joan Kane, Bertha Vessell, Mary Frances Andrews, Carole Meyer, Mary Agnes Kendzora, Jacqueline Shelton, Betty Curran, Patricia Stahl, Jean Heroux, Kathryn Borschardt, Lorraine Hempen, and Carmelita Schmelig.

HIS EXCELLENCY, ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH E. RITTER will be a guest at Fontbonne for the family life conference with the theme "Christian Living in the Family" to be held in the auditorium next Sunday, Feb. 12, opening at 12:30 p.m., under the joint sponsorship of Fontbonne College and the Archdiocesan Councils of Catholic Men and Women.

Prominent among the speakers are Auxiliary Bishop Charles H. Helmsing, Mr. Donald Gunn, husband of Loretta Hennelly Gunn of the Fontbonne class of '29; Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay; Ann O'Connell '37; and Mrs. George A. McCalpin of the Fontbonne Mothers' Club.

The Archbishop will celebrate Benediction in the chapel at 4:15 to close the conference.

MARY JOY MOLUMBY, presented by the Fontbonne music department, will give her senior voice recital next Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium. She is president of the Fontbonne Glee Club and sang the female lead in the club's recent production of "Herbert's "Sweet-hearts". Her program is as follows:

Stefano Donaudy - Songs in Ancient Style  
Freschi luoghi, prati aulenti  
O del mio amato ben  
Quando ti rivedro

Robert Schumann - "Frauenliebe und -Leben"  
Seit ich ihn gesehen  
Er, der Herrlichste von Allen  
Du Ring an meinen Finger

Leo Delibes - "Lakme"  
Duet: Sous le dome epais  
Assisted by Helen Cataldi

Mina Monroe - "Bayou Ballads"  
Ah, Suzette, chere  
Gardez piti milatte-la  
Z'Amours Marianno  
En avant, Grenadiers!

English Songs  
Tonerna by C.L.Sjoberg  
Come Down to Kew by Carl Dois  
Four Ducks on a Pond by Alicia Needham  
Gypsy Life by Clara Eduard

Giacomo Puccini - "Madame Butterfly"  
Aria: Un bel di  
Duet: Tutti i fior  
Assisted by Helen Cataldi

A telephone call from the island of Formosa brought birthday greetings from her family to Josephine Chang, sophomore, whose father is Mr. C.P. Chang in the Ministry of Justice of the Chinese government headed by Chiang Kai-shok. Although Josephine received the call, her first from the Orient since she left it in the summer of 1948, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, it was then 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Formosa. Josephine, the youngest of seven children, spoke to her parents and to two of her brothers, and received their congratulations for her twenty-first birthday. Another brother, William, is a student at the University of Detroit, visited her on her birthday and attended Fontbonne's junior prom on Feb. 3 with Grace Chien, her companion from China.

"Topological Concepts" is the title of the lecture to be given at a meeting of PI MU EP - SILON, national mathematics honor society, in Medaille Hall next Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. Giving the lecture are two students of the honors course at St. Louis U, R.S. Gaekowski and R.G. Pohrer. Hostesses from the mathematics department of Fontbonne include Dorothy Henschke, Evelyn Murrill, Geraldine Wand, seniors; Barbara Sullivan, Patricia Lorenz, Joann Abell, Mary Van Oss, Angeline Bolesina, sophomores; and Jean McCormack, Mary A. Finley, Peggy Wardain, and Jeanne Heroux, freshmen.

Fr. Bernard J. Bak, C.R., S.T.L., lecturer in Religion, is conducting a discussion class under the sponsorship of the sodality on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. in the parlor of Science Building. Not only sodalists, but all students are invited to participate and may attend either one or both of the classes. The topics for discussion will be chosen by the girls. Fr. Bak teaches in the seminary of the Resurrectionists Fathers, 3689 West Pine boulevard.

A new student, Sonia Florencia Colindres, arrived at Fontbonne Feb. 6, coming from Mary Help of Christians Academy, Paterson, N. J. Her home is in Tegucigalpa, British Honduras, and her high school credits are from Colegio Maria Auxiliadora there. She will be a special student at Fontbonne.

Sister M. Annetta, assistant professor of art, went to Kansas City, Mo., last Sunday on receiving word of the sudden death there of her brother Mr. Joseph Flynn. The prayers of the Fontbonne family are asked for her eternal repose.

Accompanied by her instructor, Mrs. Doyne Neal, Helen Cataldi, student of voice, will give a noon recital next Friday, Feb. 10, at 12:10. Her numbers are the following:

O Cessate Di Piagnari, and Ruggiadosa Odorosa, by Alessandro Scarlatti  
O Liebliche Wangen, and Meine Liebe Ist Grün, by J. Brahms; and Cradle Song by Tschalkowsky  
Aria: Jewel Song, from "Faust" by Gounod  
Carme by G.E. De Curtis; and Musica Proibita by Castaldon

Night by Ernest Charles; Love Is a Bubble by Frances Allitsen; The Velvet Darkness by Wm. Reddick

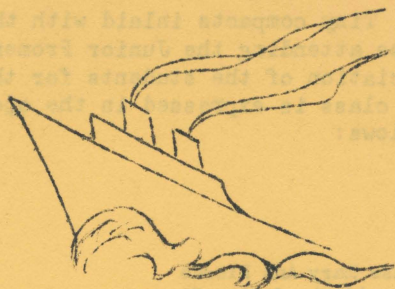
Marjorie Maertz '49 returned to Fontbonne Jan. 28 for a week's visit with the faculty and her former school mates. During her stay she was the guest of Mary Lou Streit '49. Marjorie is research assistant with the technical information division of the Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

After an absence of ten days spent examining piano pupils in schools of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Michigan and Wisconsin, Sister John Joseph, director of the department of music, is to return next Sunday. Sister's class in Harmonic and Contrapuntal Analysis this week studied Gregorian chant and was taught by one of its members, Sister Alphonse Marie from the Mother House of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, O'Fallon, Mo., widely known for its superb singing of the chant.

Prayers of the Fontbonne family are requested for the repose of the soul of Fr. J. Roger Lyons, S.J., acting national director of the Sodality of Our Lady and frequently a speaker at Fontbonne who died suddenly on Sunday, Feb. 5, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Las Espagnolitas, the Spanish club, will hold a cake sale in Ryan Hall next Friday, Feb. 10, from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donna Hogan, junior, has been elected secretary of the club, replacing Edwina Junkin, who as a senior has a schedule too crowded to permit her to continue in that office. At the monthly meeting on Feb. 21, a film entitled "Central America" will be shown. Sister Mary Gertrude is the moderator of the club.

A trip across the Atlantic to celebrate HOLY YEAR is the dream of every Catholic. Realizing this, the NFCCS throughout the nation in connection with the Overseas Service Program is sponsoring tours for the benefit of Catholic college students. To aid the project, the NFCCS in this region, consisting of Fontbonne, Maryville, and Webster colleges, St. Louis University, and Quincy college in Quincy, Ill., will award one of these tours, valued at \$552. The itinerary includes visits to Le Havre, Paris, Versailles and cities in Belgium and Italy, besides Rome and Vatican City, climaxing in an audience with Our Holy Father. Donations for tickets for the tour are placed at 20¢, five for \$1. Catharine Nelson and Marilyn Miller are in charge of accepting donations, and the tickets will be distributed this week.



Sponsoring a national week of prayer the first week of Lent, Feb. 22 to 28, is another object of the NFCCS. Intentions for the week are the wellbeing of the Holy Father, the success of the Holy Year program and in particular the student tours sponsored by the NFCCS, and the restoration of Peace. A spiritual bouquet as an offering from the students of America will be thus amassed during the week of prayer and will be presented to Our Holy Father.

The four points of the present OSP of the NFCCS are (1) travel, the student tours which range in price and are open to students and other Catholics from 16 to 30 years of age; (2) correspondence, the exchange of ideas with foreign students; (3) book collections, enabling students in foreign countries to study more easily; and (4) prayer, intended for the success of the OSP.

CHILI CON SPORTS. A chili supper for members of the FAA will take place Feb. 15. Sports, commencing at 4 p.m., will precede the meal, for which Patricia Kearns '53 is chairman. Entertainment under the direction of Rosemarie Archangel '52 will follow it. Square dancing will complete the evening's program.

The permanent standard of dress for formal occasions at Fontbonne was clarified on Jan. 17 by Sister Joseph Aloysius, dean. Her letter follows:

Dear Students:

In accordance with the wishes of our revered Archbishop and the ideals so delicately yet forcefully expressed in the Legion of Decency, FONTBONNE, your college, asks you to comply with the simple standards of Christian modesty in dress at all her formal dances and proms. No young woman will be admitted to these functions in off-shoulder, strapless or backless formal gown. What is befitting in formal dress for a young Catholic woman is recognized by her own good taste and Catholic upbringing.

We know that all of you will give your whole-hearted support to a measure destined to make society better and more Christian, and thus fulfill one of the great objectives of the "Lay Apostolate".

Thanking you for your constant co-operation, and seeking it again in this instance, I am

Very truly yours

SISTER JOSEPH ALOYSIUS, Dean

A GOOD OLD CUSTOM. Do you remember, long, long ago in grammar school when your grades were always excellent? Remember the 100%'s in spelling, the 95%'s in arithmetic, and the 96%'s in reading? Yes, for most of us those days are long past. The best thing, of course, was the nickel, dime, or quarter your father would give you when an especially good monthly report came. The look of parental pride on his face was a thing you'll never forget.

Now the cry from most parents is, "Is it that hard in college?" All, except for one parent, Mr. Harry J. Maschmann, who recently had that same look of pride on his face. His daughter, Jeanette, a sophomore, was one of the three students in the college with straight A's for the past semester. And he didn't forget the old custom of a reward. He called for Jeanette at school last Thursday, and she found a new five-dollar bill placed in the envelope with the report card he handed her. It's a good trick, if you can do it!

An essay contest, sponsored by the Pep Club for the purpose of establishing a scholarship reward, was opened Feb. 8, and will extend for six weeks. The first prize will be \$100, and the second \$50. Details will be posted in Ryan Hall.

The campaign of the NSA to obtain signatures for the return of STUDENT PASSES on the Public Service lines will begin next Saturday, Feb. 11, and close Feb. 19. Petition blanks for the signatures of Fontbonne students will be on the campus. Also, students are asked to co-operate by taking blanks for signatures from their parish or organizations or clubs. The aim of the NSA is to secure 50,000 signatures. Four times that number would be required to force the PSC to take action.

At the Fox theatre a booth will be set up at which patrons can sign in behalf of these passes, and Fontbonne students will staff it Feb. 17, 18, and 19. Students who have volunteered for duty there include Mary Therese Hartigan, regional chairman of the NSA, Patricia Herbst and Jean Anderson, campus delegates, Joan Heade, Rosemarie Archangel, June Kronsbein, Lois Hough, Carmelita Schmelig, Angeline Bolesina, Shirley Wilson, Elizabeth Fape, Ruth Raupp, Betty Myer, Shirley Emge, Jacqueline Shelton, Bertha Vessell, Betty Baerweldt, Marilyn Miller, Mary Louise Lennemann, Betty Beffa, and Mary Ann Voshardt. For further information, students should see Jean Anderson.

Tiny compacts inlaid with the Fontbonne college crest were the SOUVENIRS given to those attending the Junior Promenade the evening of Feb. 3 in Medaille Hall. The appreciation of the students for this very complete dance provided for them by the junior class is expressed in the open letter of the president of the student council which follows:

Rosemary Stapenhorst  
President, Student Government  
Fontbonne College  
February 3, 1950

Miss Mary Ann Pierce  
President, Junior Class  
Fontbonne College

Dear Mary Ann,

It's come and gone, but not forgotten! Every time a shiny nose is in need of powder, the thought will come again--Junior Prom, 1950. The decorations, the promenade, the ballroom, the music--all will live on in our memories.

So, in behalf of the student body at Fontbonne, I'd like to say, "Thanks, Juniors. We spent a wonderful evening."

Sincerely

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The MOTOR MISSIONS of Missouri will receive the sums collected so far this month by the CSMC. The plans of these mobile missionaries were explained in assembly Jan. 10 by one of the leaders, Fr. Orlis F. North, C.M., of Kenrick Seminary, who is acting chaplain at Fontbonne. The total is \$35.32. The collection Tuesday came to \$25.82, mite boxes on the campus yielded \$1.94, and the CSMC share of the proceeds of the Penny Circus netted \$4.56. In Lent, CSMC collections for the missions will be weekly instead of monthly as in other seasons.

The regular monthly meeting and program of Mu Phi Epsilon, national honorary musical sorority, was held in Fontbonne auditorium Monday evening, Feb. 6. Participating were Pat Ware, Joyce Higgins, and Mary Joy Columby, the only Fontbonne students holding membership at present.

Two poems submitted by Jackie Shelton, freshman, to Our Family, a Catholic monthly magazine in Saskatchewan, Canada, have been accepted for publication. The verses, "Alone" and "Not to Be in Love (with God)" will appear in the March and April issues of the magazine. At the request of the editor, J. J. Kuffner, C.M.I., Jackie is to prepare an article on "My Ideal Boy" for the June number.

INTERRACIAL JUSTICE AND RACE RELATIONS is the theme of the short story and poster contests being sponsored by the NECCS during Interracial Justice Week, March 5 - 11. Prizes of \$100 and \$50 will be given for the best short stories, and of \$50 and \$25 for the best art entries. A national radio script contest likewise sponsored by the NECCS is open until March 25, and prizes are awarded for both scripts and ideas for scripts. Further information about these competitions is posted on the bulletin board in Ryan Hall.

A GROTTTO ON THE CAMPUS to honor Our Blessed Mother is the next project to be undertaken by her sodalists, and the annual dance they sponsor on St. Patrick's Day will this year be given to open a fund for its erection. The exact location of this shrine has not yet been chosen. Catherine Miceli, sophomore, is general chairman for the dance, with Arline Marklin, Therese Lyons, Ruth Coff, and Ruth O'Neill assisting her. Tickets are \$1.50 a couple.

The junior class extends its thanks to Mother Marcella, president, Sister Joseph Aloysius, dean, and all the members of the faculty and student body who made possible the success of the Junior-Senior Promenade in Medaille Hall on February 3.

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