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Fontbonne Becomes a University

March 14, 2002 marks milestone in school's history

by Sara Lubbes,
Editor-in-Chief

Fontbonne has officially changed its institutional status from college to university.

On March 14, a day he called "truly historic," Dr. Dennis Golden, president of the University, announced the official change during a campus-wide ceremony and celebration. "Welcome to Fontbonne University," he commented, "Doesn't that sound great?"

The change, approved by the Board of Trustees and supported by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, comes as a result of a January 2000 visit by the North Central Association.

During a visit to the campus to evaluate the institution for accreditation, the NCA suggested that a change in status might be possible, considering that several other small institutions, similar in size and ranked by the NCA in the same category as Fontbonne, call themselves universities.

Fontbonne meets all of the NCA requirements to be considered a university, in that it awards both undergraduate and graduate degrees, and provides professional programs as well, including the OPTIONS program.

The Board of Trustees approved the change in status after the University consulted with the campus community as a whole.

"A very long list of stakeholders were asked 'What if?'" according to a statement issued by Fontbonne. Those consulted included students, faculty, staff and the Sisters of St. Joseph, as well as alumni.

Thomas Gunn, chairman of the Board of Trustees, commented that "careful consideration" was made regarding the change to University and "it is the right time for this action."

Also, the institution considered market research conducted by the Vandiver Group, who, according to Dr. Judith Meyer, VP and dean of Academic Affairs, found that employers expressed a "preference for a university degree."

Despite the change in status, the administration assures that Fontbonne's institutional identity will not change. "We are not changing who we are," commented Golden, "but more accurately defining what we do."

The values-based tradition upon which the University was founded, therefore, will continue. The institution's mis-

sion statement, as well as sponsorship by the Sisters of St. Joseph will remain intact.

"Fontbonne University reflects the kind of change that has always characterized the mission of [Fontbonne] 'to serve wherever there is need,'" commented University chancellor Sister Stephanie Steuber, CSJ, in a March 5 press release.

However, Golden commented that the University "understands and accepts the additional responsibilities" that come with the name change.

Additionally, in the March 5 press release, Gunn commented that the Board "fully comprehend[s] that this change brings on new responsibilities for the board, staff and faculty as Fontbonne continues to progress."

(See "University" page 4)



photo by Lauryn Humphrey
New University sign is presented to the campus.

University Plans to Upgrade Aging Resident Halls

by Steven Harrison,
staff writer

Students living on campus next year may notice some renovations in St. Joe's Hall and Medaille Hall.

With the resident's safety in mind, the University is changing the resident halls to ensure the safety of the people living there.

"The student's safety was the main concern when we were coming up with this plan," said Carla Hickman director of residential life. "The plans to renovate the resident halls have been in place since last year," said Hickman.

The Residential Hall staff and the financial committee planned the proposed upgrade. They constructed blueprints of the current resident hall layout

and then planned the new changes keeping those examples in mind.

The University's fire regulations also need to be updated, and this will be completed by the beginning of the 2002 fall semester.

"The fire marshal was concerned with the fire codes in our resident halls, and that's what needed to be taken care of first," said Hickman. The smoke detectors at the school will be networked to the local fire department.

As a result, the department will respond immediately, arriving on campus when the alarms are sounded. The detector checks that have been going on this year will continue

to take place until the end of the spring semester. However, once the new fire system is in place, these types of checks will no longer be necessary.

The exit signs in the dorms will be replaced and the lighting will be improved and brightened around the resident halls. The walls in Medaille will be torn down on the 2nd floor and the mezzanine level to meet fire safety standards, as the walls on those levels are weak and in the most need of renovation. "The original price for all this to take place is 6 million dollars," said Hickman.

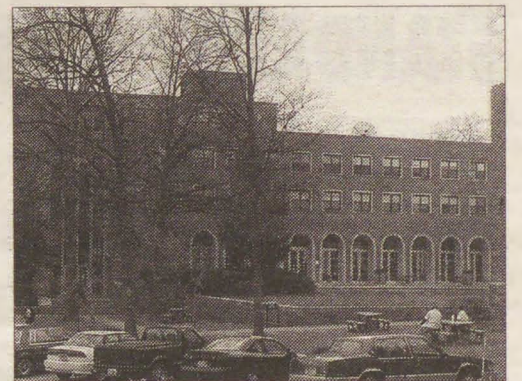


photo by Lauryn Humphrey
Medaille Hall will be renovated along with St. Joe's this summer.

If the fire system doesn't exhaust the budget, the University is looking to upgrade the electrical system in the dorms as well.

The electrical company will achieve these improvements. (See "Upgrade" page 4)

WHAT'S UP? ON CAMPUS?

April

- 1st-Easter Monday, day classes cancelled; evening classes will meet
- 3rd-SGA meeting, AMC, noon
- 4th-Speaker Series, 7:30 a.m., Lewis Room
- 6th-Kid's Day, 'Caf
- 8th-Advising Week begins
- Coffeehouse, St. Joe's Lobby; 9:30 p.m.
- 10th-No SGA meeting
- Heritage Society Luncheon, 'Caf, noon
- 12th-FAB event, Ice Skating
- 13th-Leadership Banquet, 'Caf
- 15th-Early registration begins
- Diversity Week begins
- 17th-SGA meeting, AMC, noon
- 18th-SEBA event, Soul Food Cookout
- 19th-Springfest
- 23rd-25th-SGA elections
- 24th-SGA meeting, AMC, noon
- 26th-Honors Convocation
- 27th-FISH Service Saturday
- 29th-All-Campus Meeting, Lewis Room, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

English and Math Programs Are Nationally Recognized

by Sean P. Cummins, News Editor, Colene McEntee, Layout Editor, with information provided by Dr. Ben Moore

On January 29th, 2002, Dr. Benjamin Moore, chair and professor of English, and Dr. Beth Newton, chair and professor of Math and Computer Science received e-mails telling them that the National Council of Teachers of English, (NCTE) and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, (NCTM) were nationally recognizing the University's English and Math departments.

Dr. Moore said, "even though this award is for the secondary education English, it speaks to the excellence of the entire department."

Dr. Newton said, "While we've always known that we have a good mathematics education program, it's nice to have that extra validation by our peers. It confirms the value and effectiveness of our unique balance of mathematical theory, computing, and sound educational practice, delivered in small classes with lots of student-faculty interaction."

The recognition comes after an extensive review, which began in September, when both departments submitted course materials and the list of the goals they wish to accomplish. In addition, the departments needed to submit a portfolio composed of syllabi of various courses in both certification programs. Along

with these portfolios, paperwork needed to be submitted regarding the goals of the syllabi. Anonymous reviewers determine whether the program complies with the academic and professional standards that are adopted by the NCTE and NCTM. With this certification, the University's undergraduates are prepared to major in mathematics or English at the middle school or secondary education level.

Meghan Dunn, a senior majoring in English and seeking teacher certification in English, speech and theater said, "I came to the university to find a small, supportive community that was ready and willing to address my needs as a student. The faculty members are the most supportive, educated and caring that I have ever had the privilege to learn from. It's about time that the university was nationally recognized!"

John Bauer, a computer science major, is not pursuing his teacher certification, but feels the national recognition will greatly benefit his education. "Teaching is not my thing, but at least I can put this on my resume," he said.

When looking at what this national recognition does for the University, Dr. Moore replied, "It gives the program and project national exposure. It also helps to continue recruiting of students and it gives us the confidence that we're doing the right things in our English and education classes."

Campus Pays Tribute to Scales

by April Reeder, staff writer

As students began the New Year, the University community was shaken by the death of Brandy D. Scales.

The Offices of Multicultural Affairs and Campus Ministry organized a tribute and celebration for Scales on Friday, February 15, 2002 at 11:30 am in the Doerr Chapel. "When I finally worked out a time and date for Brandy's family on the Memorial Service, I was ecstatic that everything turned out great," said W. Vidal Dickerson, director of multicultural affairs.

Many knew Scales as a student, friend, co-worker, or as a friendly face around campus. A host of people came out to honor the memory of Scales. Faculty, staff, and students from the University sang, spoke, read, and presented prayers during the Memorial Service. Robin Moore-Chambers, instructor in Human Services, performed a special selection, "The Heart Does Go On" and Deanna Jent, assistant professor of perform-

ing arts, sang an original selection. The Voices of Praise Gospel Choir also performed a selection, "My Life is in your Hands."

Erica Driver, junior and Scales' cousin, said, "Everyone who spoke at her memorial service genuinely displayed Brandy's love and happiness for life. I believe that this memorial service did justice to her legacy."

In honor of her memory, Scales will be receiving the Legacy award, the first in the University's history, at the Leadership Banquet on April 13, 2002. This award will be given out every year to a student majoring in psychology or human services who displayed high academic qualities and service to the Fontbonne community as Scales did.

On Sunday, December 30, 2001 Scales died in her Maplewood apartment, two weeks after she graduated from Fontbonne. Scales was 21 years old and the second oldest child of ten in her family. She received a degree in psychology with a minor in human service and

planned to attend graduate school.

Bryan Smith, junior and president of SGA, said, "I felt really uplifted after the memorial service. Brandy was one of my best friends and I miss her a lot. One of the most inspiring things about the service was listening to her mother's give words of encouragement to the audience. I see that Brandy got her strength and determination from her mother. She will never be forgotten. In my heart, she will always live."

The service ended with Ruth Scales-Coney, mother of Brandy Scales, giving exhortations on the life of her daughter. She greeted the audience by saying, "Praise the Lord" and stated that you have to live your life so that it would not be in vain. She advised everyone not to focus on the way Brandy died but instead to "look beyond the veil and look at it from a spiritual perspective."

The service concluded with a reception in the AMC.

Students Attend Required Drug Meeting

by Kristin South, Copy Editor

There's what in my weed? The contents of unprocessed marijuana and the dangers it poses to students were discussion topics at a Substance Abuse Meeting Sunday night, February 17th in the AMC. Due to recent incidents involving drugs on the University campus, several students in the resident halls were required to attend a presentation by Dr. Patrick Stack from Webster University.

Stack informed students about the consumption and possible dangers of marijuana and alcohol. As selected students strolled into the AMC for the Sunday night meeting, each received a Marijuana Fact Sheet and a Drug Education Guide which featured eight different categories of drugs, physical symptoms, and the dangers and what to look for in a user. Although Stack was equally knowledgeable about both substances, the majority of his time during the meeting was focused on marijuana.

Stack proceeded to delve into his analogy of drug users falling somewhere in a "drug spectrum" which ranges from

curiosity to using in a problematic way. As he continued to explain the possible effects pot can have on a person's family and self worth, numerous students began to fidget and turn in their seats.

Students were asked to evaluate their own situations after being told that in order to be sure one doesn't have a drug or alcohol problem, being comfortable in their sobriety for 90 days is essential. Many "social smokers" or people who only engage in smoking every now and then can still be considered psychologically hooked on the drug if for any reason they cannot withstand 90 clean days.

In an attempt to further involve students on a personal level, Dr. Stack allowed a question and answer time towards the end of his meeting. Issues such as the possibility of chemical dependency, the cause of the "munchies," and the comparison of cigarette smoking to pot smoking were discussed. Although he does not condone cigarette smoking, Dr. Stack pointed out that it is actually healthier to smoke cigarettes than marijuana because tobacco companies are required to

cleanse the plants of harmful chemicals before manufacturing. According to Stack, this obviously is not true of pot plants as they contain even more harmful carcinogens.

The students required to attend the meeting were selected after reports were made of alleged marijuana smoking in the bathrooms, primarily on the second floor of St. Joseph's Hall. In addition, students residing on the third floor of Medaille were also required to be present for Dr. Stack's lecture, as the smell of marijuana smoke has been noticed in both buildings. Students' responses to the meeting and the information presented varied. However, not all students considered the meeting to be the most beneficial experience.

Student Eric Legrand commented, "The meeting was ridiculous. We are expected to go to college as young adults and act like adults but yet we get treated like we don't know anything about drugs. The speaker was excellent and had lots of good points but I didn't learn anything that I hadn't already known."

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University Celebrates Year of the Horse

by Colene McEntee,
Layout Editor

"This is an evening of friendship." That is what Dr. Dennis Golden said to attendees of the University's third annual Chinese New Year celebration.

Nearly 30 Taiwanese MBA and MFA students, along with professors from the business and fine arts departments, gathered at First Wok Buffet in Crestwood on February 17 to ring in the Year of the Horse.

"I think the students enjoyed the evening," said Diane Iezzi, director of the English as a Second Language program. "They really liked the food, the room and atmosphere, and having all the faculty and Dr. Golden there to celebrate the occasion."

The evening began with a blessing by Reverend Chi, spiritual leader for the Taiwanese students. Guests then dined on buffet items and specially prepared Chinese dishes created by First Wok. After dessert, Dr. Golden spoke before the crowd and recognized the accomplishments of the students and faculty. In closing, he introduced Robert Lo, visiting art professor from National Taiwan University. Lo worked for two years with the Taiwanese government in establishing the Fontbonne Taiwanese Alumni Association.

To allow them to celebrate the occasion Taiwanese students had the week off for the Chinese New Year, which ran from February 9-17. In fact, about 10-12 students went home to Taiwan for the holiday. Giving students this vacation isn't something that colleges and universities normally do, but because the students are in a unique program, their vacation schedule differs



Dr. Dennis Golden toasts the New Year at the Chinese New Year celebration. Faculty and students were on hand for the event.

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and University administration thought it was appropriate.

"It's an important holiday and we wanted to make sure they had the opportunity to celebrate," said Iezzi. "The students stayed in school last semester until December 22 and came back January 6 after their winter break, so they had an extra week there to carry over for the New Year celebration."

Some took advantage of the opportunity and went home to be with their families. MBA students Sherry Cheang and Vivian Wu enjoyed going home for the break, but came back early to celebrate with their classmates.

"A big thing to do for the New Year is to go to Temple with your families," said Cheang. "This is when New Year's resolutions are made."

Jeff Kau, another MBA student, wasn't able to make it home to his family for the New Year. Instead, he attended a Chinese New Year party with friends.

"In China, you don't go out with friends for the New Year.

It's important to be with family. We always eat and watch TV together during the holiday," said Kau.

According to Scotland Online, the origins of Chinese New Year are centu-

ries old and reach back too far to be traced. It is recognized as the Spring Festival and celebrations can last up to 15 days. Preparations begin a month from the date of the Chinese New Year; a few days before the New Year, Chinese houses are cleaned from top to bottom to take away any traces of bad luck. On New Year's Day, an ancient custom called Hong Bao (Red Packet) is performed in many families. It involves married couples giving children and unmarried adults money in red envelopes. After the exchange, families go door to door to relatives and neighbors homes to say greetings.

"As you get older, you don't receive as much money from Hong Bao!" laughed Kau. "The adults play a gambling game with their families called Mao-John."

In addition, each Chinese New Year is associated with an animal; there are 12 animals in the cycle. The Asian Studies Information Center at the University of Texas—Austin states that each animal embodies certain characteristics that predict the upcoming year. As Westerners believe people take on the character of the zodiac symbol under which they are born, the Chinese believe that people take the qualities of the animal sign of a person's birth year.

Don Moriarty, professor of business and administration, thought that the restaurant celebration was a wonderful opportunity to ring in the New Year and for faculty and students to relax. "In the MBA program, the student's studies are intense; they're in class four days a week from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.," said Moriarty. "It was enjoyable to share an informal evening with them in their cultural environment, she said."

Freshmen and Senior Engagement Evaluated

by Sara Lubbes,
Editor-in-Chief

Beginning in mid-March, selected students of the University will become a part of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

These surveys, which will be mailed to several of the University's current freshman as well as graduating seniors, ask students to evaluate their college experience, including how they spend their time on campus and how engaged they are in their classes. Students will be asked to answer questions regarding their interactions with peers, as well as faculty, in order to measure the overall engagement and involvement of the student within the college experience.

The NSSE survey, which has been used by institutions nationwide for the past three years, is titled the College Student Report 2002 and reportedly takes only 15 minutes to complete. It will be available in print and web formats.

Dr. Judith Meyer, VP and Dean of Academic Affairs, urges all selected students to complete the survey. "The group that's responding now," she commented, "will set a baseline for the future [of the University]," including planned changes in general education requirements and curriculum.

Over the past year, the University has been encouraging those professors who teach general education requirement courses (GER) to allow for more student involvement in the classroom, something that Meyer hopes to see reflected in future NSSE survey results.

Meyer believes that activities such as one-minute response papers and small group activi-

ties should be included within GER courses. "If one does introduce these kinds of activities," she said, "students become more engaged more quickly in the course."

"The survey is based on the premise that successful students in college are students who are engaged, not just building up credits," Meyer said.

According to Meyer, the results of survey—which is also being sent to students at 365 institutions nationwide—will allow the University to do two things. First, Fontbonne will be able to compare its students to students across the country.

Moreover, the University will be able to compare its freshman to its seniors. "We hope that the seniors will be more engaged than the freshman," commented Meyer. "We hope they will be more connected with other students in their classes."

In addition to the NSSE questions, the University plans to include its own list of questions on future NSSE surveys. "We realized that there were not questions regarding social interactions among students, so next year we plan to create twenty of our own questions," said Meyer, including those which relate to student friendships as well as social interactions and opportunities on campus.



Students who complete the surveys will have their names entered into a drawing. The University will award several prizes, including a bookstore certificate to participating freshmen. Extra graduation tickets will be offered for seniors. Meyer commented that the tickets are usually a "hot commodity."



Dr. Robert Lo, seen here with his wife, established the Fontbonne Taiwanese Alumni Association.

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These changes may include expanding curriculum to incorporate new programs, including new majors, minors, or concentrations, according to comments made by Meyer during a campus meeting on November 15, 2001.

According to Meyer, as a University, Fontbonne may investigate opportunities into new programming to attract not necessarily more students to the campus, but instead "different types of students," including those that would have previously passed on Fontbonne because they were interested in attending a school with University status.

Junior Bryan Smith, president of the Student Government Association, agrees. "I'm very excited that Fontbonne decided to make this change...my degree will be a lot more marketable as a university," he said.

The change also clears up any confusion that Fontbonne is a two-year institution as well as provides international students with a university degree that is considered more respectable worldwide.

Since the University's new initials may be considered offensive, all members of the Fontbonne community are asked to refrain from using them to represent on T-shirts, signs, and at school functions like sporting events. The administration asked student representatives from Fontbonne not to use the offensive phrase as well.

Students overall seem happy about the change. Senior Elizabeth Spellmeyer commented that the change "affects me even though I'm graduating...because it feels more respectable to graduate from a university than from a college."

However, Spellmeyer went on to say that "it's weird...cause we're the same school we were last year."

Some on the campus view the name change as a great way to encourage school spirit. Chris



Gill, director of Student Activities and assistant director of Residential Life, commented that he "think[s] that will improve the morale for the school because university seems more forceful than college at athletic events."

During the naming ceremony, Francis Kenney, mayor of the city of Clayton, proclaimed March 14, 2002 "Fontbonne University Day." "Fontbonne has done great things," he said, calling the school a "living institution" and

an "integral part of the Clayton community."

Wendy Wiese, Fontbonne class of '84 and local radio personality, served as master of ceremonies for the event. Wiese read a letter addressed to Golden from Richard Gephardt, House Democratic Leader, who noted that Fontbonne is a "source of pride for the entire St. Louis community."

The institution now has a new sign along Big Bend Blvd. as well as a new Fontbonne flag reflecting the name change. These were unveiled during the March 14 event.

A reception, which junior Megan Mueller, President of FISH, commented was "fabulous," followed in the DSAC where the University community was treated to complementary t-shirts and boxed lunches, as well as music provided by the Gateway Brass Quintet.

Golden, reflecting upon the overall reaction of the campus during the renaming celebration said "I've been on college and university campuses for 35 years and this is one of the happiest days of my personal and professional life."

"Fontbonne family, that's what this is about," Golden said. "There really is a Fontbonne family."

Those graduating in 2002 will be the first graduating class of Fontbonne University.

OPTIONS Wins "Wars"

by Beth Miller,
staff writer

The Penny Wars were held February 4th - 15th at the University. This yearly competition challenges employees in Fontbonne's offices to earn the most points by collecting the most pennies. This year the competition ended in a triumphant win for the Business Office, which earned the most points and collected a total of \$185.

The OPTIONS office was second runner up, but ironically raised more money than their first place competitors, gathering a total of \$295.

The Penny Wars have been a charity fundraiser at the University for three years and the rules of the war are simple. Students and faculty are asked to support their favorite administrative office by dropping off as many pennies as possible at that office.

Of course, donators can also sabotage an office's chance of winning by leaving behind larger coins and bills. The monies are attached to a point system. For example, each penny is worth one point, every dime ten points and so on. The twist is the total points accumulated by any larger coins or bills are subtracted from an office's total points, not added to it. This is why the OPTIONS office could accumulate more money than points.

This year, Lori Ashmore, vice-president of SGA and the events coordinator, had the responsibility of tabulating the contests results.

Ashmore counted the cash collected in a Coin Star machine at Schnucks. "I dumped all the money in and counted it a hundred times to make sure the results were accurate," said

"I...counted it a hundred times to make sure the results were accurate"
- Lori Ashmore,
VP of SGA

Ashmore about the counting process.

When asked about the participation in this year's Penny Wars as compared to other years,

Ashmore said "It was very, very good this year. I truly appreciate everyone's help in supporting and organizing this event."

The results of the Penny Wars were announced at Spikes for Tikes, a volleyball game held on February 19th in the DSAC at 7:00 p.m.. It pitted the men's soccer and baseball teams against one another in a volleyball match. There, Ashmore also had the duty of declaring the winner at the game.

However, the true winners are those who will benefit from the money collected. "All the money earned by the Penny Wars goes to sponsor the Dance Marathon, held at Washington University," said Ashmore. "This year the Dance Marathon was held on February 23rd and raised a total of \$51,000, which went to support the Children's Miracle Network."

SEBA Activities Celebrate Black History Month

by Jennifer Howze,
staff writer

During the month of February, Students for the Enhancement of Black Awareness (SEBA) held several events to recognize successful African Americans. The events were scheduled to honor Black History Month at the University.

Movie Night, which commemorated the achievements African Americans made in film, was held Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30 in the AMC. Students viewed the film *Last Dragon* while socializing with friends.

On Monday, February 25 at 11:00a.m in the DSAC, African drummer Kenya Ajanaku performed at the

University. On a prior visit this past January, he celebrated Martin Luther King Day with an African drum performance.

SEBA and Office of Multicultural Affairs invited him back for an encore performance, during which Ajanaku played Afro centric rhythms and told a tribal story. Ajanaku also incorporated a dance routine, which was similar to the Cha-Cha Slide, into the program.

Jamar Love, junior and president of SEBA, said, "I felt this presentation was better because he involved audience participation with music and dance."

Bryan Smith, junior, commented, "It was a very soul stirring experience. I enjoyed being a participant and spectator in the event."

Both Love and Smith had

a chance to practice their music making skills. The students were asked to select a certain instrument. Each student then had the task of performing together and forming a song with a combination of the instruments. As Love reflected on the event, he said that his only wish was "that more students had been involved."

SEBA is currently assisting in community volunteer work. The organization, along with teachers from Wydown Middle School, has founded a Mentor Program. Additionally, SEBA is planning a project with the Financial Aid Office that will contact individuals with their OED and try to get them interested in attending college.

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ments by replacing circuits that are currently in the dorms. Many students have stereos, televisions and DVD players that use a lot of electricity. "We don't want the students to worry about a fuse going out in their room, the students main concern is the electrical system, and if we can we will upgrade the power source here," said Hickman.

"When I'm blow-drying my hair in my room sometimes the power will go out and I get frustrated," said Josh Sparkman a resident in St. Joe.

"The rooms now were built for a lamp and maybe another electrical appliance," said Hickman.

The renovations are set to

begin on Monday, May 14th, and will hopefully be completed by August 1st. Hickman wants it done by then so that will give the University enough time to clean up the residence halls in time for the fall semester. While the upgrades are being completed, the employees in the student development office have been warned the power might go on and off while they are working. "That may cause us to take a day off here and there while they're working," said Hickman.

In addition, if enough funds remain after the other projects are completed, the University is also looking to improve the water piping system.

Fore! Spring 2002 Golf Season Begins

by Brent Blacharczyk,
staff writer

Griffin hopes are sky high for the spring 2002 golf season. Led by conference champion senior Kyle King, the team had a strong showing last year by finishing second in the SLIAC conference tournament.

This year, there are four returning upperclassman from last year's team. They are King, senior Kirk Hollander, senior Brent Blacharczyk, and junior Scott Arnold. The team is also composed of four strong freshman, Ben Lamkin, Barry Harbison, Bill Gosset, and Andy Mraz.

Coach Lance Thornhill is looking forward to this season because he is confident that his squad has what it takes to go all the way this year and win the conference tournament. Thornhill commented, "I am confident in our ability, because there seems to be a lot of talent on this team it just depends if everyone is going to show up and decide to play on the same day as everybody else."

After placing first in conference last season, Maryville University will be returning with three players and is said to have a strong recruit class this year.

There are a lot of similarities from last years team and the current squad. Thornhill said, "The quality of the team this year is as good as, if not better

than last years team, but we just need to stay away from a bad last nine holes at the conference tournament. The ingredients seem to be there for a successful season it just matters if they can put it all together at the right time. They are fortunate to be able to practice at Boggy Hills and Glen Echo, two of the nicest country clubs in the St. Louis area. The Griffins should be more than ready for this year's season."

In general, Thornhill's comments and thoughts appear to be similar to those of the team's members. The squad has had let downs in the past, with tournaments slipping away from them due to bad second rounds. "I myself have had days out there on the course were it just seems to be nothing going right but what we have to work hard at is trying to salvage what we've got that day and try and turn in a good score for the team," one team member commented. Along the same lines, King had some of the same thoughts to get across, "We have to keep double boggy out of play and just grind it out when things are going bad."

The season is almost here with the first match at the Gateway National golf course on Monday March 18, and Tuesday March 19. This tournament will be a challenging first test for the squad to see how they really rank against the other teams.

Men's and Women's Tennis Break Out the Raquets

by Steven Harrison,
staff writer

The University's men and women's tennis teams are in their early stages, and the players and coaches want to make the 2002 season a more serious one. With a strong veteran core of players coming back on both teams, they are looking to move to the upper half of the conference, according to the players on both teams. Both the men's and women's teams have struggled on the court, but this year they want to change that.

According to Nate Brown, a senior on the men's team, the key to building a successful tennis program here will be strong recruiting and getting prospects interested in playing tennis for Fontbonne. "A good season this year will make it easier for both the men's and women's program to become a competitive one in the future," he said.

The tennis program is only in its 4th year and since the beginning the team has played top teams around this region year

and year out. However, this year the schedules are lighter according to the players on the team. "The teams we play this year are a little easier, and I hope the softer schedule helps us out," said Brown.

Both teams will play their first home matches at Shaw Park located in downtown Clayton. The season begins in mid March, and will last until late April.

Last year the men's tennis team finished 5th in the conference tournament. This year the men's team hopes to improve their standing in that event. Brown commented, "This will be a big season for us because we want to be in the top of the SLIAC conference when it's all said and done." The team lost key player Ryan Sears due to a transfer, and that made it very important to find another player, according to Ted Geerling, a senior member of the team.

There will be a new player that has high hopes for making a quick impact on the team: Matt Harrod, a transfer from

Jefferson County Junior College. He hopes to have an immediate impact on the team this year. "We are glad to have Matt here and I hope the experience Brown and I have we can improve on last years standing in the conference," said Geerling.

The women's tennis team last year finished 6th in the conference tournament and, like the men, they would like to improve their standing in the conference. "We would like to be a little more competitive in our matches and would like to do better in the conference," said Karen Paruch a member of the women's team. The new face on the team that will have the most immediate impact is freshman Angel Lynn. "I am looking forward to another fun season, and I love being around the girls," said Danielle Dillon a senior member of the women's team. "With a lot of the players from last year returning, and the addition of Angel I hope we have a good season."

Men Fail in Bid for NCAA Tournament

by Andy Bollier,
staff writer

In order to go to the NCAA Division III National Tournament, the Griffin men's basketball team, coached by the athletic director Lee McKinney, would have had to win more games in the SLIAC (St. Louis Inter-Collegiate Athletic Conference) than any other team in the conference. They ended up falling one win short.

Each team played every other team in the conference at one home game and one away game. There are eight schools in the SLIAC, so each team plays fourteen conference games. Fontbonne finished with a 10-4 record in the conference and an overall record of 18-6. The Griffins were in a race to the finish with Webster University Gorlocks, whose conference record was 11-3 and they had an overall record of 13-12.

Webster and Fontbonne have played each other twice and split the meetings. Webster won the first battle with a 72-69 win on their home court on January 19th. The Griffins won the second of the two battles with an 85-77 win in The Dunham Student Activity Center on Feb-



photo by Lauryn Humphrey

Lance Thornhill warms up players during a practice. The men came up one win short this season and failed to make to the NCAA Tourney.

ruary 13th.

The Griffins had two games remaining against conference opponents when they were tied against Webster. They played at Greenville on February 20, where they won by three points. The team beat Greenville earlier in the year at home, 114-109. The other game was against Westminster College at home two days later. The University beat Westminster earlier in the year at Westminster, 95-85. However, they couldn't repeat their win against them in their last game of the year, losing to them by three points.

The University had other losses at the hands of Blackburn College and Maryville Univer-

sity.

The only chance for the University team would have been for Webster to lose one or both of their last two games of their season, but they did not.

"It's very heartbreaking to get our hopes up and come so close to winning the conference and then have it slip through our hands," junior center Jeremy Neagle said. "It just leaves a bad taste in your mouth." Freshman forward Cole Stenzel further commented: "If there's anything we can take from this, it is to remember how we feel now. We will do anything to avoid this feeling next year."

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"Paul the Printer" Loves Clowning Around, Magic

by Colene McEntee,
Layout Editor

Most students have at least seen him before, even if they don't know his name. He's frequently in the cafeteria, changing the television channel during lunchtime so he can watch "The Price is Right." Maybe you've been at a table in the 'Caf or walking through the halls when he's come by or stopped you to demonstrate a card trick.

For those who don't know, this man is Paul Boulicault (aka "Paul the Printer"), offset printer for the University's public relations department. After working at the College for over 14 years, Paul turned off his printer and retired on February 28.

"I'm just ready to start a new part of my life," said Boulicault about his decision.

A St. Louis native, Boulicault served in the Air Force for four years. After his discharge in 1963, Paul took on a number of positions varying from cataloging work to driving a street truck. At one point he even lived in Phoenix, Arizona from 1971 to 1974.

"To this day, I'm kicking myself for leaving Arizona," he said. "I loved it there."

After he came back from Phoenix, Boulicault got a stockroom job with Mercantile Bank. His job was right next to the printing room, and it was there that Boulicault discovered his desire to learn the trade.

"I had done some printing as a side job when I was with Chicago Title and Trust in Belleville, but I didn't know that much. At Mercantile there were a lot of young printers who knew how to do the job, but they kept coming and going and weren't reliable workers," said Boulicault. "I kept bugging the boss to teach me, but he didn't seem to have time. After a certain point I don't know which he got tired of, the guys coming and going or me bugging him, but he

finally agreed to start teaching me."

Paul came to the University after leaving Mercantile. His first day was September 30, 1987.

"Basically, they had an ad in the paper for a printer and I applied," said Boulicault. "I just needed a job at the time."

While printing has been his career for 25 years, Boulicault has another love:

Louis magicians made him realize there were so many magicians that the market was full. Paul then decided he needed to add a little something to his magic act—clowning.

"Getting into clowning became a sort of necessity...I preferred magic over clowning, but I used clowning to get shows," said Boulicault.

In addition to doing clown magic shows for birthday par-

meet guest stars John Banner from "Hogan's Heroes" and the Three Stooges.

"The nicest one was Larry," said Paul. "On days we would have two shows, the others would go back to the hotel and rest. Larry stayed and walked backstage with me and talked with me like he knew me all of my life."

Paul's circus clowning ended in the 1970's, but he continued working the party circuit. He quit clowning in 1987, and quit doing regular magic shows in 1989 after he suffered from two heart attacks.

"I still love magic because I like entertaining people; I like seeing people enjoy themselves," said Paul. "Now I prefer doing close up magic with small groups of people; stage shows are hard to set up and there's a lot of competition in the business."

While his magic and clowning career have taken a rest, Paul still collects magic books and belongs to the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM). In addition, Boulicault said printing has actually helped to fulfill his creative side.

"I originally got into printing so I could learn something with a better chance of job availability," said Paul. "I like it because it's kind of creative—like magic. I have the general elements, and I have to use them together to churn something out."

Boulicault's retirement plans are directed towards sports rather than the arts. In addition to moving and possibly working part-time, Paul wants to enjoy his other favorite pastime.

"I love to fish," said Boulicault. "I just enjoy the fresh air and being able to get away from the daily grind. I hope to move down to Springfield soon. There's fishing all over the place there!"

The University will always have a place in his heart.

"It's been like working with a family. We all have our disagreements, but we get over it and move on," said Boulicault. "I love the people here, that is what I'll miss the most."



photo provided by Paul Boulicault
Boulicault, seen here with the Three Stooges, was involved with the Shriner's Circus for 13 years.

magic. Robert White, his homeroom teacher at Hadley Technical High School, showed the class several card tricks one day and ever since that day magic has peaked Paul's interest.

"I used to stay after school to have Mr. White teach me card tricks. He figured if I would miss my bus home, I must be interested. One of the tricks he showed me I still do to this day," reflected Boulicault.

Later in life, his childhood interest became lucrative. After he left the service, Paul wanted to do magic tricks as a part time job. Sitting down with the phone book counting the number of St.

ties, Boulicault was hired as a clown for the Shriner's Circus.

"When I went to Robert Schmidt's costume shop to get my makeup, I asked him if he knew anyone that could help me out as a beginning clown. He introduced me to Bill Bendlage, a clown who worked for the Shriner's Circus. In addition to helping me learn how to apply makeup, Bendlage told me about the clown position and helped me get hired."

While he wasn't a Shriner clown per se, Paul was with the Shriner's Circus for 13 years. He also performed for the St. Louis Police Circus from 1965-1970, where he had the opportunity to

Brazil Service Trip Planned for May 2002

by Andy Bollier,
staff writer

Students from the University may have the opportunity of a lifetime in late spring. Vidal Dickerson, an assistant in the Student Development Office plans to take students on a service trip to Brazil.

Currently, the trip is scheduled to last ten days with the departure either being May 12th or 13th, depending on ticket prices, but these dates have not been confirmed. The students will have to pay \$1,900 for their airline ticket, housing and food for the ten days.

Dickerson and the students are thinking of ways to raise money for the trip in order to take financial burden of the students. One idea proposed is the selling of Krispy Kremes by the dozen.

Even with the fundraising, however, not many students are expected to volunteer. Dickerson commented, "We have had quite a few students interested in going, but with the price to go and the lack of money college students have, it is tough to gather enough money. Only a handful is expected to go."

Sponsorship is another way that the University plans to raise funds for the trip. Each student will ask individuals and businesses to sponsor them for the trip. Also, Dickerson plans to ask alumni for donations.

Because it is a service trip, the participants will have to provide a service to the community while in Brazil. Students will be responsible for clearing the area in the center of the town and create a spot for a community recreation center. The students will also clean, paint and repair churches and other buildings in the area. Students will be staying in residential homes in the area. Therefore, each student will have to learn basic Portuguese.

If anyone is interested in going on the service trip to Brazil, or wants to know how they can help in the fundraising efforts, call Dickerson at 889-4503.

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Prisoners Earn College Credit with *Hamlet*

by Katie Godsey,
Features Editor

What do students of the University have in common with prisoners? The University partners with the prison arts program at the Missouri Eastern Correctional Center located in Pacific, MO and grants the prisoners college credit for their performance in the play *Hamlet*. According to Judith Meyer, vice president and dean for academic and student affairs "Granting college credit to these prisoners affirms their ability to engage in college-level intellectual activity. Our involvement is in the tradition of the sisters of St. Joseph, who have always had some type of prison ministry."

Under the direction of Agnes Wilcox, of the Prison Arts Program/*Hamlet* Project, the prisoners learn the strategies in acting and performing. They also have lengthy discussions on how they interpret the ideas they were dealing with in the play and their particular characters.

After the production, the prisoners also interact with their audience in a question and answer session. Deanna Jent, assis-

tant professor of Performing Arts, attended a performance in which an audience members asked one of the actors, "How can you, a man in 2001, relate to this character and this play that was written so long ago?"

The actor, who played Hamlet, replied "This is a play about a man who makes a series of choices which ultimately destroy his family and his life. I think we can all relate to that." According to Jent, these men are taking what they are learning from the play and relating it to their real life situations. "Knowledge is power. Many people in prison and those who live in poverty have not had good access to a good education. This program gives men the opportunity to learn, and to learn that they can learn," said Jent. "I felt like I was watching men who clearly understood their character's actions and emotions as well as the message of the play."

Rose Shapiro, also attended an act in the play and commented, "I couldn't believe that the prisoners could do such astonishing work with such a

difficult play. The way the men came together to make it happen was really inspiring. We should all work together so well for our common goals. Agnes Wilcox's genius in fostering this unity cannot be overstated."

Jent and Shapiro were asked to rate the performance overall. "Their performances were honest and truthful, which is the highest rating I can give a performance. The men were able to find the truth of the play and the characters within themselves and then share that truth with the audience," Jent said. Shapiro said she would give the prisoners an A+, explaining that her students at Fontbonne know, "that's pretty rare from me."

This program is not only doing good for the prisoners but for the audience members as well, which really shows the overall success of the program.

Meyer added that "when [she] spoke with some of the prisoners after the seminar, they expressed their appreciation for Fontbonne's affirmation of their intellectual and creative effort."

Ward Leads Christian Book Study Group

by Matt Hutti,
staff writer

Marianne Ward a sophomore majoring in deaf education. She has been quiet around campus her first year; it just takes her awhile to get used to the environment and her surroundings. Her roommate Jessica Jackson said, "It's great that Marianne was able to get involved in something she likes and people were given a chance to meet my great roommate." With praises like this one, it is no surprise Ward is a good leader.

Ward took the initiative to start a religious book study group at Fontbonne. She said she wanted to get more involved around campus. She approached Dave Ebenhoh, Director of Campus Ministry, and set up a meeting, in which she told Ebenhoh that she would be more comfortable with a book club than a bible study. "I think it's great that a student like Marianne would take the initiative to start a Christian book study group—it shows how much she believes in her faith, and genuinely wants to share with other students," said Ebenhoh.

Ward feels comfortable with conducting a book study due to her experiences as an intern in Houston at Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church as one of the three youth ministers. There, one of her responsibilities was to sit in a book study group at church. That's where she learned about and became familiar with leading a book study.

The book club meets in the Medaille chapel on Monday

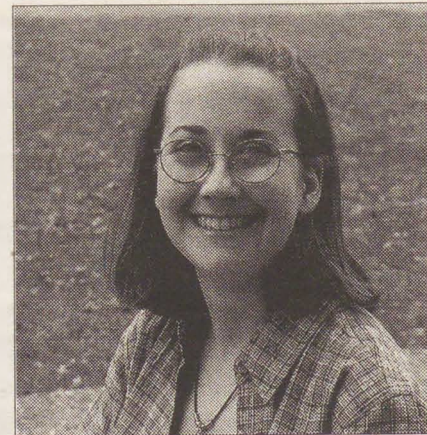


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Sophomore Marianne Ward began a book study group on campus.

nights at eight o'clock. Right now the group is small. The book they are currently working on is *A Gentle Thunder* by Max Lucado. At the beginning of each meeting, the group talks about their week and open with a prayer. Then they review the three chapters that they read for that week. Next, the discussion begins about the chapters with help of questions and Bible references in the back of the book.

Erin Jokerst, a freshman and psychology major, said, "I really enjoy being a part of the book study group. It allows me to share my faith with other students my age." Elisabeth Terry, another member, joined because she thought it would be an interesting way to meet people who have the same beliefs she does.

In the end, Ward got what she wanted. She became involved on campus and had the chance to express her faith. Her hope for the book study is that it will continue even after she graduates and leaves the University.

Fontbanner Trends

Spring Fashion Tips For Guys and Girls

by Kristin South,
Copy Editor

As spring is here and swimsuit season is approaching, many are packing up their winter sweaters in search of something new. After perusing numerous fashion magazines, I discovered many simple but fun twists to the trends of this season. The majority of new trends typically vary for females. However, I did encounter a few new pieces that the men might appreciate.

Fashion for the guys stays pretty classic with printed, collared shirts and flat front khakis. To put an alternative spin, hemp necklaces and layered tee shirts work well. Groovy, authentic looking accents, modernized tie dye prints and newly grown out "hippie" hair seem to be coming back in to style.

For the females, simple trends take on either a retro or slightly western twist this season. Neutral colors paired with denims and flowing skirts are seen across store front windows. Adding just the right amount of fringe to an outfit can spice it up or matching denim with a ruggedly tan leather jacket will

scream style. Remember the days in the early '90s of comfy denim jackets? It's time to pull it out of the back of your closet because anything denim goes this year.

April showers bring May flowers; however we may be seeing more flowers before May than we had expected. Floral printed tops paired with knee-length tiered skirts are hot upcoming items this season. Hand-knit tops designed with discreet ruffles will be seen on some Hollywood stars during the spring months. Clothing is being made with flowy materials that breathe and sway when you walk.

Looking for some new jewelry? Beads are hot, hot, hot! Beaded or shelled accessories are all over and look great with the coordinating outfits. Beaded floral hair accessories are also selling quickly and can suit almost anyone's individual style. Shell necklaces or bracelets also look great for spring.

Hair for the ladies is going

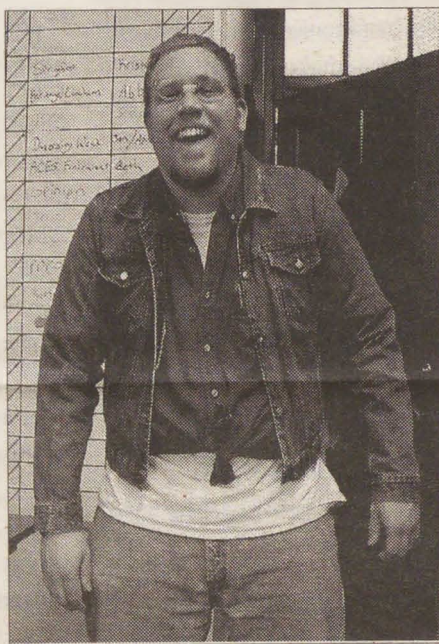


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Sean Cummins shows off one of Spring's new trends, the denim jacket.

to stay straight, and textured. Locks seem to hit around chest-level and tend to be given a little bit of bang to frame the face. Braids seem to be making a comeback as stars such as Alicia Keys wear tight, even corn rows quite well. Classic style braids work well too, as long as no one mistakes you for Pippa Longstocking or Princess Leia.

What Happened to Extra Break Days?

by Brian Schellman,
Sports Editor

Here at the University, every spring has been great for the students. There are always a lot of activities planned that let students enjoy themselves and get a break from the tension that is the end of the semester and finals week.

But more than the activities, the biggest hit always seems to be the breaks. Ahhh yes. The times when there is no worrying about finals or papers or presentations.

In the past Fontbonne students enjoyed a week strictly for spring break, then we would

have Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday off as well. This year, spring break runs from March 25th through March 30th with classes resuming April 1st, the day after Easter.

Instead of having separate week, the University's spring break will become only one single week. This is because the last day of our spring break this year will be Easter Sunday.

"It sucks that we only have one week this year. I liked those extra few Easter days," said T.J. Black, a junior. "But it's all one this year so what are you gonna do?"

Is Rudeness Out of Control?

Columnist Beth Miller examines a growing social problem

In today's fast paced society, there doesn't seem to be much room left for common courtesy and manners. It has become apparent that with each passing year, politeness and consideration becomes further diminished, as it seems we have forgotten how to use common sense and courtesy towards one another.

Rudeness is growing rampant on the roads and highways of our cities, in the tardiness of participants to all kinds of functions from class sessions, to movies and theater, sporting events and church gatherings; even to the boundaries of our own homes.

At theaters, attendees who make sure to arrive a few minutes early to see a performance they have been eagerly anticipating find themselves frequently missing the first ten minutes of the show. Why? Because those who couldn't get there on time arrive just as the show begins to block their view as they stumble to their seats.

Likewise, at church services and class meetings, those who make an effort to arrive early are constantly being put out by those who arrive late and disrupt the serenity and meditation of prayer or the flow of information in a class discussion, thereby creating resentment, embarrassment and the loss of valuable information.

In addition to this general kind of rudeness, there are also

those who assail your space by not respecting personal boundaries and insist on standing on top of you while you wait in line or talk to them.

There is also the last and most frequently picked on kind of violator, the smoker, who ignores the others already present and insists on lighting up a cigarette while it chokes the others present with the stench of a nicotine fog.

One would hope that the exasperation we meet with when

hell with the rest of the world." The old golden rule that we should "do unto others as we would have them do unto us" seems to be have been forgotten.

It is also clear that the way to solve the problem of rudeness is not to respond to it with more rudeness. When we react meanly to someone who has been rude to us we are only sinking to their level and contributing to the problem ourselves. Perhaps the best advice for dealing with our fellow man in any situation was offered by Shakespeare when he wrote, "Love all, trust a few. Do wrong to none."

It seems extremely unfair when someone is personally affected by rudeness, especially if you are that someone. It leads to hurt feelings, anger and even rage, which can then develop into violence. For those of us too shy to speak up about the injustice that has occurred, these situations can be mortifying and frustrating all at the same time. For everyone though, rudeness can have many disastrous side effects that can damage our health and our relationships with families and friends.

If you don't like being the victim of inconsiderate behavior, then what makes you think anyone else does? Try your best today to do at least one considerate act and remember that others feel much the same way you do when they are injured by rudeness.

we go out into the world would stop once reaching home. But no such luck; even at home, noisy neighbors create more tense situations. Noise from their late parties or the piercing sound of their car alarms radiate through windows along with any number of other annoying sounds, designed to be as loud and grating on the ear as possible:

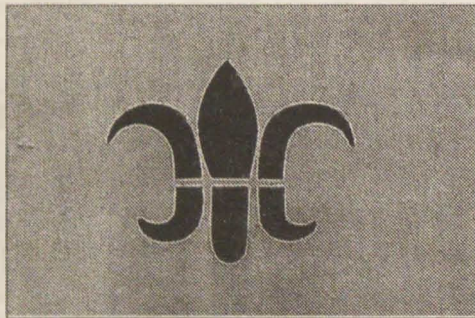
In general, impoliteness occurs whenever someone puts himself or herself first in a public situation, and others last. At the heart of this disrespectful behavior seems to be the "me" complex. This complex involves the notion that "I am more important than anyone else," so "to



Beth Miller,
staff writer

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??WHAT IS IT??



Send your guesses to sarasel@hotmail.com, identifying the object and it's location on campus! Note: this object has appeared before and no one guessed correctly!!

Congratulations to Eric Witthaus who correctly identified the "What is it?" in the February 2001 edition, as a light fixture between East and Ryan Hall!

Beware of Telemarketers!

Relax your mind and picture this: It has been a long day and you're just now getting home or back to your dorm from school. You're tired, hungry, and just want to be left alone to watch "Friends." You fix yourself a bowl of Easy Mac and get ready to devour it when all of a sudden, the phone rings. You contemplate not answering it, but it may be a very important call. You pick up the

phone, say hello, and...find out it's a telemarketer.

Solution #1: Get Caller ID. Now, this to me would seem the most logical of all solutions. What better way to find out if you're getting a call from a telemarketer or your great-Aunt Edna from Boise, Idaho than to screen your calls? Of course, this

could be backfire since sometimes your caller ID may not show who is calling. If

this were to happen, simply answer the phone, and hang it up again as quickly as possible.

Solution #2: The "no call" list. Once your name is on the list that you will no longer be bothered with the interruptions during dinner or when you're sniffing salt packets. If a telemarketer were to call you when your name is on this list, the company they were calling from would not only be fined, but the person that called you would be sacked, tarred and feathered, and made to watch everyone's favorite television show: Oprah.

Solution #3: Get rid of your phone all together. Who needs this contraption anyway? There are plenty of other ways to contact someone: there's the ever popular snail mail, or maybe two cans and a piece of string, or even the most impressive invention of them all: driving to their house!

So please, my friends, let us try and rid the world of telemarketers. Isn't it enough that we have to deal with things like world hunger, poverty, homelessness, Oprah? Be aggressive! If a telemarketer calls you, tell them you'll sign up for two kidneys and a complimentary book from the Oprah club.



Sean P.
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How do these people do it? How do telemarketers know when you're going to be home, especially when you're making or eating dinner? They get on the phone with you, half the time not knowing how to say your name:

TELEMARKETER: Good evening. Is Mr. Forfendooger there?

YOU: It's Cummins

TELEMARKETER: Sorry about that, Mr. Forfendooger. I would like to tell you about...

Getting your name wrong is only the beginning. These guys (or gals) are trying to get you to sign up for everything: Credit cards, life insurance, health insurance, death insurance, a round trip ticket to see Al Gore get a personality, a left kidney. There is no limit to what they will try and make you sign up for or purchase.

That is why I am here, ladies and gentlemen. I am here to help you get past these parasites that call you up, and also help you get to the bottom of this problem. Just give me a minute to figure out what that problem was again. Oh yes, telemarketers. As always, I would like to take this time to give you some solutions or tips

How do you feel about Fontbonne becoming a University?



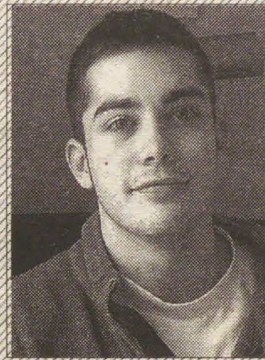
Jessica King, junior, Art/
Psychology

"Hmmm...I personally think it's a big fat joke."



Gerald Paul, senior,
Graphic Design

"Well I think it's good for the school, but it leaves me a bit disappointed. As of March 14th, all of my Fontbonne College tattoos became outdated."



Pat Renz, freshman,
Business

"I think that it's good. If it makes me look like I got a better education, that's great. Also maybe now we'll get better food!"

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