

fontbonne celebrates college day

The first all-school activity of the year, College Day, dates back to the day on which Fontbonne was dedicated in 1924. On that day the handful of students and faculty that then made up the college, came out from Carondelet to Wydown and Big Bend to dedicate the new buildings. They returned to Carondelet later for Benediction, making it the first annual visit to the Mother House. Since that day was also the feast of St. Teresa of Avila, one of the patronesses of the Sisters of St. Joseph, it was decided to keep that date for this event.

It became the custom to celebrate this anniversary by presenting class skits concerning college life for the benefit of students and faculty. Just last year when the student body went to Carondelet via the Public Service, it seemed like a good idea to present the class programs there for all the sisters.

In spite of the fact that the war has interrupted the usual student parade of decorated cars these past two years, the new trip on the trolley has more than made up for it in fun and gayety.

The schedule this year will be as usual: Holy Mass in the College Chapel, brunch in the cafeteria, the trip to Carondelet in the street cars, presentation of the skits, refreshments, and Benediction.

new faculty members

On this, the start of the school year, we are all glad to see the familiar faces of our teachers. And we are happy, too, to welcome the new members of the faculty to this, our school.

In the field of psychology we welcome Sister Anastasia, formerly instructor in psychology at Carondelet, and Sister Agnes Loretto, our new biology instructor. Mrs. E. M. Harrington rejoins the faculty of Fontbonne this year and we offer her a hearty welcome. In the 1942-43 scholastic year, Mrs. Harrington served as the Social Representative for the college. This year, Mrs. Harrington is acting in the capacity of Director of Student Personnel. Her office is located in the Fine Arts Building. Mrs. R. E. Kaufman, graduate of Washington University with an M.A. in literature, will head the journalism department this year. For information of a more personal nature, drop around the Press Room any time. We wish also to welcome our new voice instructor, Mrs. Doane-Neal, to the Fontbonne campus.

freshmen elections

The first event on the Frosh list of activities was the election of the officers, which was held October 9. Nancy Quirk, Rosati-Kain graduate, was elected President; Shirley Sappington, Southwest High, Vice-President; Mary Jean Peet, of St. Theresa High School, Kansas City, Mo., Secretary; and Ruth Todd, from Sacred Heart Academy, Atlanta, Ga., Treasurer.

college day schedule

- 9:00 Installation of Freshmen in cap and gown
- 9:30 High Mass in St. Joseph Chapel
- 11:30 Brunch in Cafeteria
- 1:00 Board street cars for Carondelet
- 3:45 Solemn Benediction

circus comes to town

You'd better get out that old appetite for cotton candy, peanuts, soda pop, and hot dogs 'cause the circus is coming to town! Yes, those funny old clowns, and dark gypsy fortune teller that were part of your childhood are making their appearance at Fontbonne's Big Top, sponsored by the F. A. A., on Friday, October 27. Our reporter tells us that she got it from a girl who knows a girl on the committee that there will be a simply super-duper freak show; and for animal-lovers, a pet show. Prizes! Thrills! Goodies! Fun! Where can you get all this and heaven too for the absolutely unheard-of fee of a handful of pennies. The price of admission will be a defense stamp. So, you're getting two birds with one stone.

But wait! We're not finished. We've saved the best part till last! The spotlight of the evening will be thrown on the crowning of Penny Circus Queen for 1944! The girl who gets the most votes will be awarded this grand title. Each class has voted on their choice for candidacy: Anne Marie Hebbberger of the Senior Class, has been chosen; Colleen Richey, a Junior, Marilyn Baumann, a Sophomore, and Mary Barry, a Freshman. It's now up to every girl in the school as well as friends and relatives like Aunt Mirandy and Uncle Zeke, to put her candidate on top. A penny will buy a vote and a nickel, 5 votes, a dime, 10 . . . and, well you can add.

General Chairman for the Penny Circus is Margaret Sabadell, who will be responsible for appointing the chairmen of the various committees.

In case there is some doubt in your mind as to the identity of F. A. A., we wish to state that any similarity between these initials and any others such as F. H. A., O.

freshman roll-call

Eighty-six Freshmen answered the roll call as Fontbonne began her scholastic year Tuesday morning, September 19. Forty-one high schools were represented on the rolls for the 1944-1945 school year.

Rosati-Kain led the enrollment with ten representatives, followed close behind by St. Joseph's Academy, St. Louis, with nine. Ursuline Academy, Kirkwood, gave us five students; Visitation Academy, four; and Eugene Coyle High, Mt. St. Joseph, Augusta, Georgia; St. Anthony's High, St. Elizabeth's Academy, St. Mark's High, and Valle High, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, followed with three students from each.

On the rolls we find two girls each from Clayton High, Incarnate Word Academy, Loretto Academy, Nerinx Hall, Notre Dame High, Sacred Heart High, Atlanta, Georgia; St. Joseph's Academy, Green Bay, Wisconsin; St. Theresa's Academy, Kansas City, Missouri, and University City High.

From the Academia Catolica, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Clinton High, Clinton, Illinois; Colegio La Inmaculada, Santurce, Puerto Rico; Iron River High, Iron River, Michigan; Litchfield Community High, Litchfield, Illinois; Lakeside High, Lake Village, Arkansas; Monte Cassino School for Girls, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mt. St. Mary's, Little Rock, Arkansas; Murphysboro Township High, Murphysboro, Illinois; New Madrid High, New Madrid, Missouri; Reitz Memorial High, Evansville, Indiana; Sacred Heart Academy, Belmont, North Carolina; Sacred Heart Convent, St. Joseph, Missouri; St. Mary's High, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; St. Patrick's Girl's School, Chicago, Illinois; St. Peter's High, Jefferson City, Missouri; St. Theresa's Academy, East St. Louis, Illinois; Southwest High, Ursuline Academy, Arcadia, Missouri; Webster Groves High, Webster Groves, Missouri, and Xavier High, Fontbonne has one representative.

P. A., etc., is purely coincidental. We wish to speak now and forever hold our peace. F. A. A. stands for FONTBONNE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION! Remember that name! And remember this date! Oct. 27.

coming events

- Oct. 16 College Day
- Oct. 18 Sodality Movie
- Oct. 20 Junior English Test
- Oct. 27 Penny Circus
- Nov. 1 All Saints' Day Holiday
- Nov. 17 Mid-Semester Exam Grades Due in Dean's Office
- Nov. 30 Thanksgiving Day Holiday



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what is the seminar?

What is the Seminar? We may shrug our shoulders and say, "I don't know." But it is our *business* to know. I know many of us feel that it is an attempt to reform us. That is not its purpose at all. It is primarily a program of student-faculty cooperation. It is meant to be an effort of the faculty and students to come together on a common meeting ground and discuss what the needs of the school are. Because the student can sense the needs of the campus far better than the faculty it is necessary that the two units work as one in order to discover those needs and supply them. We have complained a good deal about the extra time the Seminar takes up, but if we attend the Seminar every week for the next two school years we will not have spent as much time on it as the Faculty spent in a single summer. The faculty spent over a hundred hours this summer trying to organize and plan out the Seminar — and not for themselves either, but for us.

Should we do less for ourselves than they are trying to do for us? If we can't meet them half way we'll be the losers by it. Because if we fail to take advantage of this opportunity to work with them to improve the college as a whole, we fail in our responsibility and show them that we aren't as willing to work for our school as they are. The outcome of the Seminar depends on us because the principle factor in it is student cooperation. We can choose now, either we can make the Seminar a weekly boredom to be dreaded, or a student-faculty cooperative to be utilized to the benefit of students, faculty and college. Which is it to be?

we can take it or leave it!

We were all told at one time or another, I'm sure, that one of the characteristics that mark one as being educated and cultured is self control. This implies that we should be capable of recognizing and handling difficult and unpleasant situations when necessary. But, haven't we discarded this trait today? Isn't it more stylish and up-to-date to be dead frank rather than be courteous? There is a certain school of thought which says that we must express our feelings no matter what.

We say that this is the new way of life. This is what we are fighting for; the right to express ourselves as we wish. Yes, neither Washington nor Lincoln would argue this point with you. But look at these men. The things they had to say were hard, they sometimes hurt some of the people, but theirs was the line of duty. And even in the most difficult situations they were gentlemen, bearing silently the harsh criticism of cruel tongues. To be daring in our speech is one thing; to be impolite is yet another.

Let's think before we speak. Remember to say nothing about another person unless it can help him in some way. Let Jesus Christ be our shining example in kindness and charity with our lips. He never forgot to be a gentleman nor His Blessed Mother, a lady.

is you is or is you ain't?

Wanted: College women. Positions now available for photographers, reporters, copywriters, make-up editors, artists, and typists. Report now and get a well paid position immediately. (All pay checks will be made in the form of free press passes to our school games.)

"But the field is over-crowded!" ... Don't be silly! ... No field is over-crowded for the toiling worker. Don't let competition scare you away, 'cause it's really Old Man Opportunity knocking at your door. Answer that door! On the other side lies fun, adventure, and real satisfaction for work well done. Sure — sure — we know this looks good in print but so will your name look good in that one and only "FONT."

O.K., but what do I do? What do you do! Run — yes, run over to the press room, and sign up on the list which will be found on the bulletin board. So you'd rather clean the waste basket than mop the floor! O.K., just state your preference. Which do you want to shine as — photographer, typist, or reporter? And even WE welcome ideas once in a while.

Older members of our staff, please note. We have taken in our booby trap for the duration.

yearbook ratings

The Fontbonne '44 was rated by the National Scholastic Press Assn. as First Class. Total number of points received were 1220. This is just 30 points short of perfect All-American rating. No Fontbonne so far has been rated this high. The division pages were rated excellent as was also the cover design and pictures.

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roosevelt vs. dewey

by b. b. burke

The clicking strollers across the Den floor, the yells of "Have you voted yet?" and the witty wisecracks when, glancing over your shoulder, someone happened to see who your man was, are gone now with wind, just as the overture to the Big Show dies down before the curtain rises for the first act.

'Tis oh, so still, and hold your breath, 'cause now the prelude's finished: Roosevelt has won, 100 to 78.

Where are these fourth term tacklers, these Roosevelt railers, these Dewey Democrats? Alack and alas, they are far outnumbered, outballed, and (need I go on?), they are absolutely and simply out.

Some of them put in their 2c worth, however, before the end came and several Roosevelt backers added a word or two, too. These comments are printed forthwith.

Pat McKay said, "I'd vote for anybody except Roosevelt, with the dumb ideas he has got. Why, the country's going to the dogs."

Helen Carole Abt was not quite so emphatic . . . not quite, I said. "I really don't think Roosevelt could last through another term, and Truman, I believe, is undesirable for the job, especially with the undesirable record that Roosevelt would leave him with."

B. J. Haemerle came in with, "Roosevelt is running everything," but Robin Kendall smiled with satisfaction and came back, "Dewey couldn't run anything. He's not capable of being President."

Vourdonna Fricke perhaps had the most original reason of all for voting for Dewey. "He reminds me of my father," she said.

Helen Perry and Louise Pope say, "This country will turn into a dictatorship if Roosevelt is re-elected," and Betty Youngblood inquired, "What do you think we have now?" Along the same line was Louise Fairchild's comment, "This is no democracy; it's a farce."

Barbara Angelides' comment, however, said more for the present administration than anybody else's. She said: "This is a time of great crisis. Roosevelt is doing the best he can do for his country, and we know that he is a great man. He has followed the fundamental law of the constitution; everyone can't be pleased. If you had seen the democracy we had in Constantinople you would realize what a wonderful democracy this is. Dewey, too, may be as great a man as Roosevelt; he may be far greater; but can we take the chance in wartime of finding out that he may not be?"

What do YOU think of the paper? What do YOU think of Fontbonne? What do YOU think? What do YOU want? Drop your answers in Box 125, first floor Ryan Hall.

We hope to see those two shining faces of Pee Wee Kising and Margaret Sabadell back in the fold soon. Everybody sends their best wishes.

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is this trip necessary?



fontbonne cafe

series but serious

dixie salome

A series of blood-curdling screams rose above the usual bustle and clatter of the campus. I dashed to one of the windows on second floor Ryan, expecting to see half the student body annihilated by the dinky. Outside all was quiet. I was bewildered, to say the least. Suddenly the screams came again, more hair-raising than ever. They were coming from first floor! I hurled myself headlong down the stairs, determined to prevent the murder if I could. I burst wild-eyed into the den, only to be seized by mad women, shouting and pounding on me. "They won! They WON!" I didn't wait to find out who "they" were. I ran for my life.

You can see that Fontbonne is taking the Series in its stride. No disrupting the regular routine! No excitement! No chaos! No???? All Wednesday afternoon Miss Willis and Miss Mullins hung anxiously around the radio in the Boarders' Den. I think both of them sacrificed their dignity at one time or another by well-modulated, extremely lady-like shrieks. The condition of Dottie J. Robertson was more serious. With iron-willed effort she tried to restrain her curiosity. She peered into her microscope wishing that one of those dull amoebas would pitch three strikes to a pair-of-my-ccas or something. No such luck! But June "Flasherson" saved Dottie's sanity by dashing in and out the bio lab with the latest hot off the press bulletins. By the end of class even the amoebas were rooting for the Browns.

Condolences to Mary J. Quirk who had a ticket to the third game of the Series but couldn't go because of a test. What price education! If her classmates would care to take up a collection for Mary Speckart, it's sure to be appreciated. Speck faces a black future. She gave odds of two to one on the Cards in the third game. Lizzie Lucas collected her pound of flesh with a chortle of delight.

Ho hum! Not a stir around here. I guess girls just aren't interested in baseball.

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know your '44 fashions

by j. cunningham



Fall of '44
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purple, moss
green, gold,
plum and
purple.

Fontbonne Fashionettes this year, in tune with the rest of the fashion world, have succumbed to the glamorizing effect of the head band. The hair ribbon and the barrette have definitely abdicated the throne in favor of the more simple velvet and grosgrain bands.

Not quite as prominent, but still very influential on the campus is the hound's tooth check. A broad statement to make, no doubt, but this material has been seen by your reporter in all its possible varieties, the black and white checked suit, the brown and white and navy blue and white checked skirts and the pastel checked dress. All of which proves that Fontbonne is not to be left behind the latest fashion trends.

The wrap around and draped skirts are two more winners of the hearts at Fontbonne. Has anyone noticed that good looking checked skirt of Jackie Keller's? It is a wrap around with the new drape effect and on the one side as a means of fastening, there is a large fringed bow of matching material. The hem line is also fringed. Then there is that up to the minute plaid skirt of Alice Talkacz's. It, too, is a wrap around, though its lines are straight. It is fringed on one side, with a large silver buckle over the left hip as a fastener, and for that ultra smart effect.

And just as an added note:

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b. j. herself in action

B. J. Haemerle created the greatest upset in fifteen years of golf history by defeating Patty Berg this summer at the Women's Western Open Golf tournament.

Winner of many trophies, Betty Jane, though comparatively unknown to competitive golf, astounded the country by taking the title from Champion Patty Berg.

On the nineteenth hole B. J. stymied Miss Berg with a par 5.

Fontbonne is especially proud of B. J. for her unassuming naturalness and never-failing good humor. A bright future as an expert golfer is awaiting her for she possesses the qualities that will make her champion before long.

hockey with a bang!

Enthusiasm and pep filled the air at the first get-together of riders last Monday. Numbering twenty-three in all, the girls were divided into three classes—Novice, Advanced and Beginner. Miss Willis was very favorably impressed with the large turn-out and says that with this crowd and enthusiasm, the spring horse show can't help but be a success.

The hockey players are also coming out with bigger and better enthusiasm. (Won't be long before they have bigger and better bruises.) Every Tuesday and Thursday they can be seen running up the field waving sticks and following the little ball around. The team has not been selected yet but the way these girls have been competing looks like it will be a good one, black eyes or no black eyes.

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by "listless" liston

Being Club Editor sometimes has its advantages—especially when ye boarders invite you to help annihilate millions of juicy ham sandwiches, and mountains of baked beans, not to mention crisp potato chips, pickles, peaches, fudg-cicles, cakes, and oceans of cokes. I'll bet that I gained ten pounds. (P.S. So did Rosaline and Bebe.) The filling occasion, the picnic given Sept. 21 at Post-Dispatch Lake by the Big Sisters for their Lil' Sisters.

Sodality "Punch"

The a.m. of Sept. 27, I made the fatal mistake of wandering nonchalantly into the Academy Cooking Room. Sooner than I could say "give me a cookie, please," Prefect Rosie Casey handed me tons of ingredients to mix together to make the punch for the Sodality party welcoming the new Sodality. Of course I had never made punch before, but willing to try anything once, I grabbed the spoon and mixed while Mary Ann of the O'Riordan clan squeezed the life out of lemons and tasted the unfinished product. No remarks, pliz: I noticed that everyone drank the punch.

Fontbonne's Legion of Mary, led by Gloria Johnston, held its first meeting, Sept. 27, in the Council Room. The prayers really inspired ye wanderin' ed. The Legion will meet every Wednesday afternoon at 4:15.

Press Club Hand Outs

Firm in my resolution to visit every club, I dropped into the initial meeting of the Press Club. I was met at the door with a coke which I "managed" to drink while President Wilkerson outlined the project of the club which materialized Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Den, the Straw Vote.

"Give religious instruction to a serviceman" was the keynote of Rosemary Holden's talk at the C.S.M.C. meeting Oct. 2. Rosaline Salome read selections from Chaplains' letters sent from battle areas to our unit, thanking us for the religious articles that we have sped to them for their groups. By the way, I hope you all had a chance to see the prayers written in pidgin-English sent by one of our Chaplains. Rosaline declined the honor of translating them into Fontbonne English. The next meeting of this organization will be presided over by Catherine Weidle, newly appointed President of the C.S.M.C.

Cake & Coke, Si, Si

On Oct. 13 a Cake and Coke party, in which I participated with the appetite of a bird ("a hawk," says my friend, Jane Crow, reading over my shoulder), introduced new members and welcomed old members to the school's "baby" in the category of clubs, The Modern Language Club: this organization was formed last year to further interest in the three modern languages, French, German, and Spanish. While we enjoyed our refreshments, Betty Reid, President, introduced Dinorah Colon of Puerto Rico, and Kim Weber of Arkansas, who gave us delightful music. (I had only one coke, Miss A. Kramolowsky.)

As I was meandering one bright Wednesday morn (there has been at least one bright Wednesday morn, believe me) through the Fine Arts Building, I was invited into the Recital Room where the Fontbonne Glee Club of 1944-1945, headed by Mary Lee Rodegast, of the Litchfield Rodegasts, was tuning up before starting practice for College Day. Sister Madeline Sophie handed me several copies of notes, I opened my mouth, and I am now a Glee Clubber.

did you pray for your soldier today?

Dearest ———:

I'd write your name, but I'm not quite sure of your name, even though I know you—and I know you well.

You have smiling eyes, and your hair blows in the wind, and there's happiness on your face and in your heart; at least I hope there's happiness. You see, that's what I'm fighting for.

I saw you one time in a restaurant or at a show or walking down an autumn-leaved street—I forget just where—but I do remember that I fell in love with you for being what you are, and for the goodness I saw shining from your eyes.

Do you pray for me, I wonder, for I pray for you, you know. I pray all the time. I pray while the planes warm up for pre-flight, and when the alert is sounded on my ship; I pray before my unsteady foot goes into a landing barge, and when I pull the rip cord on my 'chute.

I pray to God I'll get back to you.

Do you pray to God that I'll come home; or if God wills it, do you pray that I'll have the chance to say "I'm sorry," so that I can really go home?

Do you pray for me at all? Did you pray for me today?

God knows sometimes that my heart beats so fast when I hear the thunder of the guns and the spitting ack-ack, or the hushed, quick breathing of the men around me when the depth charges rock our sub, that it's hard for my lips to form all the words I want to say.

God bless you, ———, if today you say them for me.

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