

## And Now An Outdoor Crib Made By Student Artists

Students in the class of Teaching Art in the Grades, taught by Sister Ernestine, are making an outdoor crib to be placed on the corner of the campus at Wydown and Big Bend Blvd. Working after class hours, they are June Ewers, Gloria Frisella, Nellie Duke, Nancy Flanigan, Marilyn Trapp, Marjorie Ahler, Mary Becker, Marie Lauber, Susan Moore, Martha Moran, Loretta Giblin, Yvonne Quintal, and Joyce Raley.

Figures for the crib are those of the Blessed Mother holding the Infant in her arms, St. Joseph, a donkey, deer, squirrel, dog, rabbit, birds, two lambs, all of which are made of papier mache and chicken

wire. The largest figure is that of St. Joseph, which is forty inches. All the other figures are scaled accordingly.

Making the papier mache themselves by soaking strips of newspaper in wallpaper paste, the student artists then wind it around the chicken wire, which has been bent in the shape desired. Next they permit the figures to dry thoroughly before these are painted. Either dull varnish or water-proofing paint will be used.

The crib will be lighted, and, together with the figures will be completed by Thursday, December 20.



First Signs of Spring! In the Middle of December. Seniors are hard at work remembering that Comprehensives are scheduled for March. Not too happy about it are Sally Joedicke, Koes-ter, sociology major, and Margaret Brendecke, psychology major.

## Seniors Deep In Study Preparing For Comps

Fifty-one seniors are deep in study preparing to take comprehensive examinations in their major subjects sometime in March. Besides completing at least 128 credit hours of study, all seniors must receive a passing grade in this examination or must present a senior recital in order to receive their bachelors' degree. The following departments will be represented in the examinations:

Business Education: Marjorie Albers, Rosemary Myers.

Psychology: Mary Judith Anderson, Peggy Brendeke, June Thompson.

Dietetics: Mary Carol Anth, Mary Deck, Sister Rouchelle Menard, O.S.F., Sister Teresa Avila Padilla, O.S.F., Carol Ann Schindler, Sister Dominic Winkler, O.S.F., Sheila Webb, Carol Giblin.

Mathematics: Patricia Bailey, Mary Lee Casey, Jacquelyn Hein- rich.

Chemistry: Pauline Baltz, Ther- esa Conway.

Elementary Education: Mary Ann Braham, Patricia Danhorst, Janice Hillner, Loretta Kohler, Dolores Lange, Carol Shaughnessy.

Music Education: Carol Brouil- lette, Nancy Keefe, Betty Neuf, Sister Ellen James Mulligan, C.S.J., Mary Ann Stocklausner.

Home Economics: Patricia Bur- nett, Sister M. Lorraine Heininger, O.S.U.

Biology: Rosemary Fitzburgh,

Mary Elizabeth Tubbs.

Business: Joan Gadd.

History: Sister Margaret Mary Gibson, V.H.M.

Education: Theresa Grether, Sister Joan of Arc Schairer, C.S.J., Sister Anthony Barczykowski, D.C., Sister Marianne Thomas, C.S.J., Sister Mary Margaret Wall- ner, C.S.J.

Physical Education: Sue Kaiser, Helen Therese Lauler, Ruth Mc- Guire, Mary Louise Miller.

English: Nina Kassing, Joan Kilbourne, Kathryn Ann Powers, Sister Claude Elaine Ganache, (Continued on page 3 column 5)

## NFCCS Mixer January 11

NFCCS plans to sponsor a mixer on January 11. Committees have been recently appointed, it was announced by Phyllis Schmidt, senior NFCCS delegate and general ticket chairman.

On the music committee is Jane Coffey; refreshments, Carole Bo- shardt; decorations, Mary Ann Vat- terott; publicity, Marilyn Trapp, Mary Jane Kiefler and Claire Saenger are on the invitation com- mittee. The general coordinator will be Mary Ann Stocklausner.

The dance, which will run from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m., will be held in Medaille Hall. Tickets will sell for seventy-five cents.

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## Bells Ring Out For Frosh Ball January 18

The Sleighbell Ball, given an- nually by the Freshmen, has been set for January 18. The following committees have been appointed: publicity, Anne Jeannet and Susan Moore; decorations, Mary Rogge, Janet Meier, Mary Ann Berg, and Pamela Durr. Several songs have been written to publicize the dance by Carol Burt. Heading the ticket committee is Mary Ebeling, and on the refreshment committee are Barbara Krausel and Susan Reis.

Hal Havird's Orchestra, which plays on the steamer Admiral dur- ing the summer, will provide the music for the dance.

## Staffs, Home Ec Club Give To Hungarians

A refugee Hungarian family, one of the first families to be flown over from Europe, arrived yesterday at St. Stephen's Hun- garian Church, Eleventh and Chouteau Avenues, and will re- ceive clothes and food from the Font and Fontbonne staffs and the Home Economics Club, accord- ing to Margaret M. Ryan, associe editor of the newspaper.

In two telephone calls to Rev. John Gyarmathy, pastor of St. Stephen's, she learned that the family will remain in St. Louis until a permanent home is found. Consisting of a father, mother, and several children, the family will keep in touch with the Font- bonne students.



Nancy Keefe and Patricia Bailey, Seniors, admire the Font- bonne Key, which all seniors received at the assembly today.

## Cathedral Organist Gives Program For Students

Mario Salvador, internationally known concert organist, presented a delightful and inspiring concert yesterday at the student assembly.

Mr. Salvador is, at the present time, organist at the St. Louis Cathedral. Among the popular se- lections on his program were "Old Provencal Christmas Carol" by Liszt, "Fantasy on the Adeste Fi-

delis" by Greson, and Dupre's "Ave Maria Stella."

Guests at the concert were the second year novices from St. Jo- seph's Motherhouse, 6400 Minne- sota avenue.

The complete program was the following:

Prelude and Fugue  
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Seniors Looking At the Portable Machine, an Automatic Projector, for film strips and slides which they recently purchased as their gift to the school. Judith Anderson, Rosemary Fitz- burgh, Helen Therese Lauler, Rosemary Myers. The machine will be used by the admission offi- cer, Miss Blanche Ganahl, to show pictures to prospective students.



## Fontbonne At Defense Meet In Columbia

In attendance at the regional meeting of the Civil Defense on November 17 at Missouri University, Columbia, Mo., were Sister Helen Joseph, Mrs. Rose Pohlmann of the chemistry department; Pauline Baltz and Margarita Fennell, students in the department; Sister St. Paul, C.S.J., Fontbonne alumna and student in St. Louis University School of Radiology. The meeting was sponsored by the Missouri State Health Department.

The purpose of the meeting was to teach monitors Civil Defense, who in turn would also instruct other monitors. The classes in physical science will take a special seminar during the month of January; classes in freshman chemistry will enroll during the month of May. At the end of this scholastic year, students enrolled in these classes will be monitors qualified to teach.

The government gave the members twelve Geiger counters, twelve survey meters, twelve dosimeters, and twelve chargers for these instruments. Fontbonne also applied formally for radio active cobalt to be used in calibrating these instruments. In addition to the equipment, valued at about two thousand dollars, the Fontbonne representatives brought back literature consisting of printed pamphlets, mimeographed sheets, and quizzes.

## Carolers Meet Christmas Eve In Fine Arts

The Fontbonne Carolers will meet Christmas Eve at 6:30 in the recital room, Fine Arts, to start their singing hymns and songs of the Yuletide, which begins at 12 midnight.

Ann Guhman and Dolores Froelich are co-chairmen for the two groups which will sing on the Fontbonne campus and then proceed to the various homes in and around Clayton.

Fontbonne students "and their boy friends" are urged to come.

St. Joseph's Academy has the largest representation in the Freshman Class. Caught between classes by the Font photographer are: Front Row: Margaret Anne Klingler, Carol Kuefler, Sylvia Hartenbach, Joanne Cento, Middle Row (on the lounge): Carol Ries, Barbara Krausel, Dorothy Podrasky, Marlene Kappler, Ann Stephens, Carol Koller. Third Row (standing): Dianna Voellinger, Muriel Kennah, Katherine Wagner, Patricia McManamee, Anne Jeannet, Mary Ebeling, Carolyn Carroll, Mary Berg.



The Footlights' Club will give a repeat performance of Christmas entertaining as a touring troop to visit hospitals and institutions for the aged. Dec. 18, Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children will be visited. The picture shows Margaret Quigley, club president, in last year's show.

## Campus Clubs Report Plans, Provide Varied Programs

### FOOTLIGHTS CLUB

In addition to rehearsing for their second experimental theatre workshop, *Murder in the Cathedral*, by T. S. Eliot, to be presented on December 16, at 8:15 p.m., the Footlights Club members are participating in various activities which lead to a busy theatre season.

On December 5, thirty-two members and friends attended a performance of the current "jazzy spoof," *The Boy Friend*. The group was escorted on a backstage tour by the company's stage manager and was given a glimpse into the operations of a professional touring troupe. The club members were so affected by the spirit of the 20's, that this theme will be used when they entertain at the Alumnae Tea on January 13. Participating in the show will be Susan Kotva, Mary Ann Heitzig, Katherine Wagner, Carol

Feldman, Margaret Klingler, Judith Foshier, male members of the Cardinal Glennon Community Theatre, and a few members of the St. Anthony Operetta Guild.

The policy of the club seems to be more performance opportunities for its members. Katherine Wagner, freshman, will present *The Littlest Angel* for entertainment at the Alumnae Children's Christmas Party on December 16. Miss Carmelita Schmellig is moderator; officers include Margaret Quigley, president; Judith Anderson, vice-president; Rochelle Nebuloni, secretary; Dorothy Dehn, treasurer.

### FRENCH CLUB

The French Club is planning a dinner to be held at the Petite Pigalle in January. On the committee are Susan Bulte, Mary Jo Kurz, Celeste Kurz, Jacqueline Beulick, and Margaret Mary Ryan.

## Queries For After Graduation Plans Bring Startling Replies

Maybe it's a little early to ask such a question, but your Font reporter thought it would be a good thing to check some of the seniors' plans for after graduation. In answer to the question, "What are your plans?" came blank stares. One student gasped and ran down the hall shouting, "No, no I can't face the cold, cruel world yet. I'm too young and innocent." However your reporter did get a few answers. *Nina Kassing* had quite a list of things she was going to do after graduation.

1. Start over again as a freshman. 2. Have an international bridge club. 3. Join the Women's Foreign Legion. 4. Buy a farm and raise little Sigma Chi's.

*Nancy Hines* was more realistic. She plans to teach English and speech in a high school, go on to graduate school, and get, eventually, a man!

When your reporter asked *Paddy Bailey* about her plans, Paddy yawned that she planned to sleep. Oh yes, and as a sideline, teach high school mathematics. Well, Paddy, it's going to take a lot to catch up with a four years' loss of sleep.

After ten minutes of trying to catch *Ann Power's* attention, (She was gazing at her engagement ring fixedly) your reporter asked her the big question. She plans to save money (a worthy pastime),

## Norwegian Student Tells About Christmas Spent In Her Home

### Kari Hauge

On request on telling about Christmas in Norway, I will relate how I have experienced a Christmas celebration in its full and proper meaning in my native country—not as it is in Oslo (the capital and hometown), but as it was celebrated in a village ten years ago:

On a day in December, I was sitting silently near a window watching the snowflakes constantly falling down and covering the whole ground so as to give it a perfect clean and untouched surface. I was hoping that the sun would not come out so that my snowman could be kept "alive" as long as possible. Cardinals and sparrows were eager, eating the grain off the sheaf that was put out for them as Christmas-food. In my mind I counted the days until the big event that was approaching and remembered suddenly my calendar on which I opened a little door each day 24 times thus showing a little picture

## Kari Hauge On Panel At Washington U.

The fourth annual International Day was held Sunday, December 2, at the Student Center of Washington University. The Red Cross sponsored the affair.

A panel of six foreign students discussed the topic "A College Student's Life," in relation to their own countries. Kari Hauge, sophomore, represented Fontbonne on the panel. Kari, from Oslo, Norway, is majoring in sociology.

Other panelists, students at Maryville, Webster, and St. Louis University, were from Greece, Persia, and Holland.

### Retreat Master

The retreat master will be Rev. Bartholomew Adler, C.P., of the Passionist Monastery, Chicago, Ill. Scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Jan. 28, 29, 30, the retreat is an annual affair. Father Bartholomew is an uncle of Barbara Starnes, college freshman from Laboure High School.

and then to marry Frank Orscheln in August. They plan to live in St. Louis.

The Bobbsy twins, *Mary Carol Awth* and *Mary Deck*, have a rather long and involved plan of action. On July 4, 1957, they plan to leave the United States by rocket for Switzerland. There they will spend 18 months making a study of the dietary habits of brown and white speckled *Alpine Capra Bovidae* (mountain goats) as compared to the dietary habits of black and white speckled *Alpine Capra Bovidae*. On returning they will co-author a book entitled *Milk, Grass, and Mountain Goats*. This book, which will be published by 1960, will be a requirement for all mountain goats. All dietitians are encouraged to digest this morsel of literature. The nutritive value of the same is as follows: Carbohydrate (pages and cover)—18 gms; Protein (glue)—220 gms; Fat (ink)—1 gm; and Calories—1609. *Milk, Grass, and Mountain Goats* will contain the minimum daily requirements for the average adult due to an enrichment process perfected in Science 301. For calorie counters a special decolorized edition of the book will be published. In the results of this survey and in the publication of this book they hope to see their life-long ambition fulfilled.

relating something of Christ's nativity. Then I went to my secret place to carefully inspect the heap of presents which grew bigger all the time. Having convinced myself that everything was safe, I turned to the kitchen to do my job of the Christmas preparations with regard to food which was a very important and indeed a demanding affair. On opening the door the odor of baked cakes came to my nose. All over the huge kitchen were numerous cookies and cakes of all sorts and shapes.

### Sweets

But the sweets were just a little part of all the food that was made. In addition came the arranging of meat in all forms, fish of all kinds, vegetables and fruits and many, many other things. The whole house was characterized by the busy atmosphere which always occurs under Christmas. Every room was cleaned from ceiling to floor, every window washed until it was shining, every drawer and (Continued on page 3 column 5)



## College Donors Give 57 Pints Of Blood

Fifty-seven students and faculty members donated a total of fifty-seven pints of blood on November 29, during the Fifth Annual Red Cross Blood Donor Program held at Fontbonne.

Donors for the fourth time are: Helen Therese Lauler, Carol Brouillette, Carol Giblin, and Mary McKee.

Susan Kotva, Nancy Hines, Ann Powers, Mary Margaret Faust, Janice Hillner, Paula Diviney, Joan Kilbourne and V'Ann Sutter donated for the third time.

Those giving for the second time were Peggy Brendecke, Rose Mary Fitzburgh, Sue Ann Kaiser, Sally Ann Merz, Madonna Christian, Hallie Perry, Jane Coffee, Kathleen Dougherty, Mary Fitz, Mary Ann Jacobsmyer, Kate Daly, Mary Young, Sister Rochelle O.S.F. and Sister Alois C.P.P.S.

Other donors were Loretta Giblin, Rose Marie Girard, Virginia Burk, Stephanie Kane, Judith Badger, Kari Hauge, Mary Ann Lohmann, Jane Welches, Joan Herbst, Cathrine Hunt, Joy Blassie, Joan Kilker, Carol Boshard, Jane Young, Jo Ann Green, Mary Ann Vatterott, Fara Impastato, Sue Nash, Elaine Stewart, Barbara Krausel, Peggy Ryan, Josie Bogue, Carol Cunningham, Dainne Voellinger, Sister Dominic O.S.F., Jane and Joann Devine.

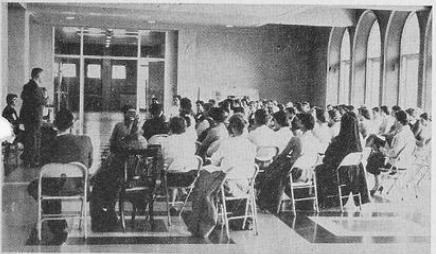
Members of the faculty who donated were Mrs. Walter Pullman, Miss Rose Marie Archangel, Sister Agnes Joseph, C.S.J., and Sister Marguarite, C.S.J.

Josie Bogue, chairman of the donor program, said that the Fontbonne Red Cross unit is proud of the generosity of the donors and that both the campus unit and the St. Louis Chapter appreciate the cooperation of the faculty and the donors in making the drive a success.

"Help for Hungary" was the reading on box which was passed around to the students at the assembly last week. The total amount was \$150. In the picture are Claire Saenger, Mary Anne Vatterott, and Phyllis Schmidt, NFCCS officers on the Fontbonne campus.



Fontbonne Press Party Friday, Nov. 23, in Medaille Ballroom. Newspaper editors from all the Catholic high schools in the St. Louis area heard Martin L. Duggan, news editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, speak on "Headline Hunters." After the talk, lunch was served in the cafeteria, a tour was conducted through the buildings, and a social hour in Fine Arts lounge closed the day's festivities.



Sister Teresine, Dean of Students, handing the announcements of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities to the Seniors who were elected by a faculty-student committee. Clockwise: Carol Brouillette, Judith Anderson, Ann Powers, Pauline Baltz, Mary Louise Miller, Helen Therese Lauler.

## Bargains Galore At Book Fair

Pleas for the Fontbonne library's celebration of Catholic Book Week are now taking shape as a proposed book fair, according to Mrs. Nan S. Clemens, librarian.

At this Fair there will be a variety of books on sale, including missals, at a 20% discount through the courtesy of Herder Publishing Co. The Book Fair, an annual affair for the past four years, will be held around the feast, January 29, of St. Francis de Sales, Patron of the Catholic Press.

## News Editor Addresses Fontbonne Press Party

"Frequently we get the impression from reading newspapers that there is something wrong with our young people. The fact is that there is something wrong with some youngsters. Teen-agers should not be super-sensitive to this fact and feel that they are under indictment as a class. They should not rise to the defense of those who set them a bad example," commented Martin L. Duggan to the group of high school editors at the First Annual Fontbonne Press Party sponsored by the three publication staffs on campus.

Mr. Duggan, news editor for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, also gave many suggestions to students who plan to go into the journalism field. One suggestion was that the student should read the newspaper, not only the stories which appeal to him, but he should be familiar with everything of importance in it.

Besides the sixty editors of local high school papers, Mr. W. J. Isam

### HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Ec Club sponsored a Christmas party together with the art and music clubs, Delta Phi and Sigma Beta Mu on December 10. The party was held in the alumnae room at 3:30 p.m. The art and music clubs provided the entertainment, while the home ec members were the hostesses. Katherine Daly is president of the home economics club; Mary Ann Brahm, Delta Phi; Nancy Keefe, Sigma Beta Mu.

of the circulation department of the Post-Dispatch, was a guest at the party.

Lunch in the cafeteria followed Mr. Duggan's talk. The guests were then taken on a tour of the campus, and afterwards a social hour was held in Fine Arts Lounge.

On the planning committee for the Press Party were Mrs. J. Russell Dye, of the news bureau of Fontbonne, Margaret Mary Ryan, Nancy Hines, Joan Kilbourne, and Angeline Marino. Members of the three staffs were hostesses for the day.

### Freshmen's Collection

The freshman class traditionally takes up a collection to help a poor family at Christmas. This year, as in the past three years, toys, canned goods, and money will be given to a large family in Rolla, Missouri. Through the generosity of the freshmen, eight children and their parents will have a merry, merry Christmas.

### Organist

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in D Major .....Bach  
Praeludium II on "Puer Natus est nobis" .....Campbell-Watson  
Old Provencal Christmas  
Carol .....Liszt  
Fantasy on the  
Adeste Fideles .....Grisson  
Carol Rhapsody .....Purvis  
Rhapsody Catalane .....Bonnet  
Scherzo (from the

Eight of the hostesses from the three publications, which sponsored Fontbonne Press Party, standing in front of a picture display from St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Left to right: Margaret Abbott, Fountain; Ann Scaab, Font; Angeline Marino, editor of Font and general chairman; Mr. Duggan; Margaret Marik, Fountain; Margaret Mary Ryan, associate editor of Font; Nancy Hines, editor of Fontbonne; Kathleen McLaughlin, Font; Marilyn Trapp, Font; William J. Isam, of the circulation department of St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



## Students Hear Two Lectures In February

Two names connected with the opening lectures for the second semester are Miss Vera Denty and Mrs. J. F. Gilbert.

"Can Your Unconscious Assist Your Intellect" is the subject for the lecture chosen by Miss Denty Monday, February 11, at 1:30 p.m. A member of the British Psychological Association and the American Catholic Psychology Association, Miss Denty worked under the famous Dr. J. C. Flugel, at the University of London, both as a graduate student and as a student in his psychoanalytical training courses.

The second lecturer, Mrs. Gilbert, is the former Eve Allen of the John R. Powers School, who will give a series of six lectures on self-improvement, social graces, wardrobing, and visual poise. Scheduled to begin the first lecture in February, the lectures will be held at 1:30 p.m., on either Tuesday or Thursday of six successive weeks. Attendance, which is voluntary, is limited to 100 students.

### Student

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cabinet set in perfect order, every silver spoon polished, in fact not a single thing remained undone in any way. Christmas was reflected in every action, and each day that passed we could sense its spirit more fully, but not before Christmas even had arrived, we could finally sit down and enjoy our work. On this day we started the feast by having rice-pudding in which a little nut was put. The person that got the nut received a present. After this all the gifts were collected and then each one started to get dressed making himself as beautiful as possible. When everybody was ready, we assembled to go to church to attend the ceremony which was a very solemn and pleasant moment—everybody listening to the priest's speech with a happy and peaceful expression on his face. Then we went home and enjoyed the day.

### Seniors

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C.S.J., Nancy Hines.

Sociology: Carol Keane.

Music Therapy: Mary McKee.

Economics: Patricia Tansey.

Nancy Hines, a speech as well as an English major, and Regina McGagan, a speech and drama major, will each present senior speech recitals before the end of the school year.

Sixth Symphony) .....Vierne  
Ave Maria Stella .....Dupre  
Rondo a la  
Campanella .....Karg-Elert  
The Little White Donkey .....Ibert  
Toccata .....Gigout

## ballot change

A petition with 163 signatures has recently been presented to the Student Council. It is the hope of the signatories that the Student Council will support this measure. The purpose of the petition is to amend the by-laws of the SGA Constitution so that election on campus would be by simple majority rather than preferential ballot. Even should the Council not endorse this measure, the students will have an opportunity to decide this question in assembly.

A great number of people through the years have seen the disadvantages of preferential ballot. One of its less evident faults is that it takes away the student's right to abstain from voting for any particular person. In other words, the student must vote for every person nominated, even though she may not think a person qualified for the office. Another point that should be considered is that often times a fourth or fifth place vote may be a deciding factor in an election. Preferential ballot is time consuming. It often necessitates the voting upon several candidates for different offices at once. In the recent freshman election, the system was found to be so complicated by the freshmen that they voted upon their vice-president, secretary, and treasurer at the same time. Qualifications are not the same for any one of these offices yet they were decided upon on the same ballot.

### Complicated

Further, preferential ballot gives vent to error. It is complicated by multiple nominees and numbers. Few students have a working knowledge of how to count preferential ballot.

In conclusion, the main question to be asked in regard to preferential ballot is this: Why keep such a complex system, so impractical that only one city in the United States uses it, when a more up-to-date, simpler system would serve our purpose just as well? It is reactionary to cling to a system just because it has been used in the past. Why not bring our constitution up-to-date and replace preferential ballot with the simple secret ballot, which is clear-cut, quick, easily counted and easily understood?

### Therefore:

Vote for the petition and the amendment when they come up for a vote in assembly! Keep Fontbonne progressive! (Ed. note: An explanation of the preferential ballot will be sponsored by the Font at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 18, in the Font office. Carol Keane will lead the discussion.)

## Christmas Wants Range From "Perfect Man" To Peace For World

Are you a frustrated gift-buyer? Do you wonder what your friends want for Christmas? As another one of our selfless public services, the Font took a survey to find out what Fontbonne students want for Christmas. Carol Keane would like Adlai's autograph, but will settle for an "A" in French. Joyce Ann Wright wants a trampoline, because she just loves to tumble. Betty Brown was so engrossed in her metaphysics book, that when asked what she wanted, she muttered, "Wisdom." Pat Reddan would like a collapsible easel, so that she can put her art work in her purse. Mary McManenim wants diet pill to keep from getting "that student spread", but Joyce Spinks would like a bottle of "Pound-On." Carol Reis is asking for a pocket poem analyzer, with a special attachment for sonnets. Kay Kerwin would like an electric brain to assimilate ac-

## hungarian spirit

Little Hungary is much on the mind of the world today. For over two months, she has astounded the world with her daring and courage. Rows of Hungarian dead attest to the earnestness of her struggle. Literally, Hungary has been bathed in a sea of blood, but her spirit has not been quenched.

Russian armored divisions now control the country again. Consequently, post mortems are being held in every free country of the world. Why did Hungary dare to fight? Why did she fail?

### Success

If we believe that the Hungarian struggle was all in vain, then it certainly was. If we file it away as a lost cause, it is lost. We must rather look at the Hungarian Revolution in the light of success. Many important things were accomplished.

Once and for all, Russia was stamped as a brutal, unprincipled cut-throat among the nations of the world. The brutality and harshness with which she put down the revolution will not soon be forgotten. That Communist-dominated eastern Europe is one big happy family was proven to be a myth not an actuality. Most important, Communism has failed to lure the younger generation to its standard. Most courageous and most consistent of the freedom fighters were the college students of Budapest.

Religious fervor remains staunch in Hungary. In the first few days of the revolution, the main objective of the Hungarian patriots was to free Cardinal Mindszenty. Churches became filled to capacity. People crowded into them to thank God for what advances they had made.

### Not Failure

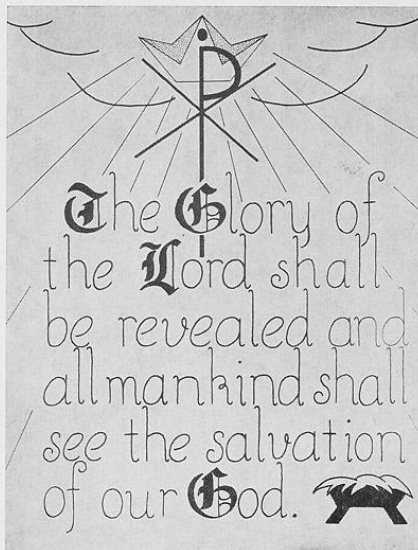
Hungary then did not fail. She gained enormously. Her dead died a noble death for right. Today, she stands at the forefront of world opinion.

It is Communist Russia rather that failed. She failed to spread her poison and enslavement over Hungary. The industrial advancement and the agricultural advancement she promised was never realized. Her educational aims fell short for she had nothing to offer but an age old ideology of hate and material greed dressed up in new phrases. Religion flourished under her opposition as it offered hope where she offered only despair. And so, Hungary stands today. She is bloody but unbowed, an example to some of her larger sister nations. Hungary fought for right. Right in world opinion fights for Hungary.

ately all the knowledge that she should have accumulated in the last few months. With this she could spend her holidays in a useful pastime—sleeping. Pat McMannee wants a larger closet and many new things to put into it.

To Judy Bader, the ideal gift would be male, 6'2", dark, handsome, rich, and unattached. As second choice, she lines up a light pink Lincoln Premier. If these are impossible she will settle for some new clothes. Virginia Burke wants a clock without an alarm, and a book entitled, *How to Sleep Without Going to Bed*.

Ruthie Strobl puts in a request for peace on earth, and a big surprise package about 6 feet tall with a crew-cut. Elaine Stewart is asking for an automatic dust blower for her room, while all that Judy Jacobsmeyer wants is a long rest and maybe a '57 light blue Cadillac Eldorado.



## Seminars on Modern Thought Concluded Last Week

During the semester, unusual seminars on modern trends were presented. Six lectures in all by the faculty were given for the students at a monthly Wednesday assembly. At the first lecture, Miss Frances Troemel, of the art department, spoke on "Contemporary Church Architecture." Mr. Francis Kinkel, of the English department, talked on "The Modern Novel."

On November 14, Miss Teresa Carmody, of the home economics department, conducted the second seminar on "The Relation of Color to Happy Home Living." Miss Carmody said that statistics show that more homes are broken, more lives are emotionally upset through the use of wrong color than through the scarcity of money, poor health, or inefficient managerial ability. Certain colors, she commented, elate while others depress; some soothe or excite.

### Harmony

"Happy combinations that have a maximum of go-together will give you a thrill." Discordant combinations will make you cringe. Miss Carmody offered suggestions on how to make a warm room seem cooler, a cool room seem warmer, a small room larger, a large room smaller, and how to make rooms more restful.

On the same day Sister Margaret John, of the English department, gave a seminar on "Con-

temporary Drama: An Indictment." Maintaining that many present day plays contain lapses from good taste, occasional straining for motivation, emphasis on sex, an abundance of immoral situations, the lecturer cited numerous plays to prove this point. Mistaken values, materialistic success-worship, and large self-delusion abound in the drama of the past ten years. What has kept the theatre alive in America is the musical, "Oklahoma," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Brigadoon," and "My Fair Lady." What has given the theatre spirit are the group and college dramatic societies, which have presented the best.

The last group of seminars was held December 5. Sister Mary Loretta spoke on contemporary poetry, remarking that the apparent obscurity of modern poetry is due to its great compression and to the fact that its line of thought is usually emotional rather than logical. She remarked that the way people talk about the obscurity of modern poets, one would think that only the modern poets were difficult and that Shakespeare, Donne, and Milton were simple. Several examples of contemporary poetry among which were poems by Eliot, Cummings, and Frost, were read and discussed at the seminar.

### Rejection

The last talk was on "Contemporary Philosophy" by Sister Rita Marie, of the philosophy department.

In her seminar, Sister Rita Marie, commented that the Christian view of man is gradually becoming dimmer so that man is now looked upon by most modern philosophers as a mere machine or an animal that has evolved from nature in its evolutionary advance. Since man's importance rests on his being made to the image and likeness of God, the rejection of God is leading inevitable to the rejection of man, Sister said. "The horrors of Dachau, the mass killings in Katyn Forest, the recent butchery in Hungary are evidence that men who ignore God cease to act as human beings. Man needs to be reminded that he is not just a doer and a maker, but primarily a thinker."

## Books You Will Like

How lucky we are! Yes, how fortunate are we who have been blessed with the gift of the Catholic faith at our birth, and to have had such a faith passed on to us by our parents. *A Testimonial to Grace*, a book written by Avery Dulles to explain to his family and friends the reasons and events of his conversion, tells of the years of thought and finally of prayer, that were the forerunners of the end of his quest for the purpose of man, eternal happiness with God.

The beginning of this book opens with Dulles's entrance into Harvard in 1936. At this time he believed that the original reality was physical matter; in other words, he believed in evolution without a Beginning, God. As a result of this philosophy, pleasure was considered the goal of living, and Dulles was greatly devoted to painting and poetry. His first year of college was rather wild, with attendance at classes being casual at best. However, with the dismissal of two of his friends, Mr. Dulles settled down to his studies and thus entered into his sophomore year of college.

In his second year, Aristotle and Plato became his good and fast friends, and from them he acquired a far deeper concept of reality, and a respect for causes. At last, after reasoning as far as he could on his own, the grace of God stepped into the vacuum. On a rainy February day, Dulles walked along the River Charles and stopped a moment to contemplate a tree. He asked himself, how can this be, and the answer followed clearly. This tree was bound to some sort of law, and its actions were ordered to an end. They were ordered by intelligence, and the very fact that this intelligence worked toward an end implied purposiveness—in other words, a will. Intelligence will form a personality or mind, and this mind was at the origin of all things. This mind, Dulles perceived, must be a Person of Whom he had no previous intuition.

I believe that these are the important steps in the search of Dulles for an End, but he did not so readily study and adopt the Catholic Church. He was, at first, unwilling to make this act of Faith which would bind him for all of the future years of his life. He studied the Bible and discovered the truth of the words of Christ. And even after accepting the divinity of Christ as probable, a year and a half were to elapse before he made the inevitable act of faith.

Avery Dulles began studying the Protestant churches of nearly every denomination. His family had a Protestant background, and this fact could account for the reason that he chose to investigate these churches first. However, their services seemed empty to him and he looked to the Catholic Church. He recounts that his first impression of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was not a favorable one, as can be imagined, for, seen through the eyes of a non-Catholic who knows nothing about the Faith, the Mass would seem very strange and foreign. As a consequence of attending other Catholic services and of learning how to use the daily Missal, Dulles began to understand more thoroughly. Finally, after meeting with a priest, he made his decision to join the Catholic Church and was soon baptized after the proper instructions. He was ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus in 1955.

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