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Seniors Are Guests At Alumnae Tea

Invitations have just been sent out to the Class of 1959 inviting them to the Fontbonne College Alumnae Tea. At this annual event the graduating class takes a pledge making them members of the Alumnae.

The date is Sunday, Jan. 11 at 2:30 p. m.; the place, Medaille Hall ballroom and alumnae room.

Those seniors that will attend the event are: Ann Blair Admas, Louise M. Bayot, Jacqueline Carol Beulick, Veronica Joy Blassie, Gina Saverina Borelli, Elizabeth Marie Brown, Marianne Dolores Bubash, Susan Patricia Bulte, Virginia Pierce Chais, Marilyn Catherine Clerc, Jeanine Ann Cowell, Anthea Gwen Czerwinski, Katherine Daly, Jacqueline Marie Devine, Mary Louise Dorley, Eileen Marie Eschbacher, Mary Karen Fitz, Judith Ann Foshier, Rose Marie Girard, Miriam Edna Golden, Susan Beatrice Graf, Jean Marie Grolton, Jacqueline Marie Grosse, Rose Marie Hardy, Willa Hicks, Camilla Viglino Hurwitz, Elizabeth Mary Jones, Stephanie Kane, Carol Jeanne Karst, Colleen Ann Kelly, Cathleen Mary Kennedy, Kay Kerwin, Susan Kotva Kickham, Joan Elizabeth Kilker, Marilyn Claire Krebs, Mary Lee Ann Kroner, Celeste Maria Kurz.

Afra Jean Leavitt, Margaret Ann Marik, Loretta Frances Mazurek, Carol Ann McCormick, Marilyn Ann Mikes, Caroline Marie Murray, Anne Marie Niemeier, Mary Ann Norman, Margery Ann O'Rourke, Theresa Rose O'Toole, Cathleen Mary Power, Yvonne Stokes Powers, Jean Marie Rachel, Lois Ann Runk, Claire Marie Saenger, Audrey Steinhäufel, Joyce Regina Tobin, Arlene Mary Toeben, Erna C. Trice, Mary Ann Vatterott, Virginia Marie Wagener, Mary Elizabeth Zepf, Aurora Ida Viglino, Kathleen Dougherty Shorkey, Sister Patrick Joseph Schlett, C.S.J., and Sister Rose Philippine Hoermann, C.S.J.

Vincentians Give Both Retreats Between Semesters

Two retreats will be held simultaneously on January 26, 27, and 28, 1959. One retreat, given for the seniors only, is to be held at the Sisters of Mercy Retreat House for Women, located at 723 South Laclede Station Road. Reverend Robert F. Coerver, C.M., vice-president and professor of theology at Kenrich Seminary, will be the retreat master. Father Coerver is the brother of Sister Helen Joseph.

Juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will take part in a retreat held at Fontbonne. Their retreat master will be Reverend Anthony J. Falanga, C.M., director of students at St. Mary's Seminary, Perryville, Missouri.

Directory Will Be Out December 12

A book found to be of great assistance to faculty and students alike is the annual Fontbonne College Directory. It consists of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the religious as well as lay faculty and of the students. The directory, a Student Council project, will be distributed Friday, December 12.

College Theatre Presents "Cleft in the Rock"

The Fontbonne College Theatre in conjunction with music and speech Departments will present "In the Cleft of the Rock" by Sister Cecilia Clare, S.P., of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. It is a Lourdes Centenary Opera in two acts with prologue and interlude. The Fontbonne Auditorium will be the scene of this, its third performance Sunday, December 14, 1958, at 8:15 p. m.

The cast is as follows: Bernadette, Suzanne McNulty; Joanne, Marilyn Moss; Marie, Alice Kent; Yvonne, Donna Rae Smith; Her mother, Charlotte Allen; Rosa, Kathleen Noser; Pietro, Vernon Meyer; Marlene, Marian Wuerz;

Voice of the Lady, Mary Edna Cooper.

The play will be directed by Miss Carmelita Schmellig; music is under the direction of Sister Mary Antone, while Mary Jane Tedford is student manager. Accompanists are Glenda Becker, Norma Ellington, and Christine Juracka. Singing will be done by the Fontbonne Chorus.

Seniors Receive Keys in Ceremony

Key Day, the annual assembly at which the seniors receive their keys, was Wednesday, December 10, in St. Joseph's Chapel. The program, a traditional one, was presented by the student body: Processional, Hymn, Sermon—Reverend Edward F. Feuerbacher, assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church, St. Louis County, Mo. Blessing of the keys, Reading of the names, Distribution of the keys, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, "O Salutaris," VESPERS, "Tantum Ergo," Benediction, "Alma Redemptoris," recessional.

The Sister students formed the schola for the singing of Vespers, and the entire congregation joined in the singing of the hymns.

Sigma Beta Mu Invites Guests To Recitals

Noonday student recitals sponsored by Sigma Beta Mu, are to be presented weekly throughout the year. They are to be held on Wednesdays and to last for fifteen minute periods. Each performance will be accompanied by a brief sketch about the selections and the life of the composers.

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Fontbonne Favors CEEB Advanced Placement Program With Credit

At its November meeting the faculty of Fontbonne College voted to give advanced placement with credit to entering freshmen who scored well on the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement test and whose high school record, principal's recommendations, and other credentials warranted such action. Moreover, at its December meeting, the faculty agreed to accelerate and enrich programs of able and superior students in accordance with the policies and standards of the college and to the best interest of the individual student concerned. Such action initiated by the faculty member will be considered by the department and student's academic advisor and finally approved by the dean of studies.

These decisions mark Fontbonne's agreement with the CEEB Advanced Placement Program which has these aims: to give able students challenging educational experiences in school, to lessen unnecessary duplication in college of work done in school, and to increase for these able students the opportunity to take advanced work in college.

Advanced courses now covered by the CEEB program are in 11 fields: American history, biology, chemistry, European history, French, German, Latin, literature and English composition, mathematics, physics, and Spanish.

The examinations are administered by the Educational Testing Service once during the year, in May, at regular examination cen-



Liturgy Commission Chairmen Patricia Haberkern and Margaret Marik and Rt. Rev. Monsignor Martin B. Hellriegel, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish and International Authority on the Liturgy, after his lecture on "The Mystical Body" November 19.



Looking very gay at supper after Ceremonies at which the Seniors received the Fontbonne Keys are: Seated: Joan Grolton, Marianne Bubash, Kate Daly, Margaret Marik, Susan Graf. Standing: Loretta Mazurek, Lois Runk, Rose Girard, Mary Lee Kroner, Jacqueline Grosse, Carol McCormick.

Sodalists Sponsor Collections

Among the activities planned for December by the Fontbonne Sodality are the day of recollection, Sunday, December 14, to be given by Reverend Louis Zimmerman, S.J., and the annual sodality Christmas basket project. As in previous years, the entire student body is asked to join in the latter work by their donations of food.

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Receipts From "King and I" Total \$2300

Gross receipts from the highly successful "The King and I" totaled \$2300, according to Sister M. Teresine, production manager. Presented four times, November 21, 22, 23, Rogers and Hammerstein's musical was the current choice for the annual student offering. In 1926, Fontbonne students gave the first all-school operetta, "The Maid on the Bamboo Screen."

Miss Carmelita Schmellig was director of "The King and I". Sister Mary Antone was in charge of music.

Student directors were Mary Jane Tedford, business manager; Agnes Hromadka and Jacqueline Chellis, stage; Barbara Krausel and Carol Burt, music; Mary Louise Hobold did the choreography.

Ruth Hamilton was in charge of costumes; Joan Fegan, scenery; Anthea Czerwinski, lighting; Kay Weigner, make-up; Sara Lee Tyler and Paula Franklin, Properties.



Presenting a Check for \$411, proceeds from the Homecoming Dance, sponsored by the Senior Class are: Senior Class Treasurer Colleen Kelly, President Gina Borelli, Sister M. Marquette, President of Fontbonne: Vice-President Celeste Kurz, and Secretary Ann Neimeier. Homecoming is an annual Event, at which a Queen is elected. It is always sponsored by the Senior Class.

Students Hear Lecture On "Mystical Body"

Rev. Monsignor Martin B. Hellriegel, pastor of Holy Cross Church, St. Louis, and internationally known authority on the Liturgy, was the speaker at the November 19th assembly. His topic was "The Mystical Body."

Explaining the doctrine from the utterances of Christ, St. John, St. Paul, and the late Pope Pius XII, Monsignor Hellriegel encouraged the students to continue their interest in the Liturgy and cited the publishing of the recent instruction on lay participation in the Mass, issued by the Congregation of Rites. The lecturer quoted frequently from the *Mediator Dei*.

Annual Newspaper Conference Set For February 20-21

The Sixth Annual Newspaper Conference will be February 20 and 21 at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Students from high schools and colleges throughout the Midwest will attend 10 seminars on the subjects of news, feature, sports, and editorial writing. Approximately 200 delegates will attend the conference.

Something New And Different

An interesting question which the United Nations is slated to debate very soon, according to the Hon. Elizabeth P. Farrington, delegate from Hawaii, is the perpetual 13-month calendar, as originated by Willard E. Edwards. During the past few weeks there has been a great deal of discussion on campus about this new calendar. Here are a few facts about it.

"THE PERPETUAL 13-MONTH CALENDAR" is an alternate proposal for a new fixed international civil calendar with 28 days in each month. The year starts with a "day apart." It is then followed by 13 equal and identical months of exactly 4 weeks each. The months are easily figured by remembering that each week starts with Monday on the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Every month has 24 weekdays plus Sundays or Sabbaths. The 13th month is named "Endermonth."

All weeks and months begin on Monday, the first working day of the week, and end on Sunday, the last day of our accepted week end. The last day of each quarter of the year (a 13-week period) falls on a Sunday; April 7, July 14, October 21 and Endermonth 28. The 1st and 15th, important monthly and semi-monthly payroll, bill-paying and accounting days, always fall on weekdays in "THE PERPETUAL 13-MONTH CALENDAR." Incidentally, there is no "unlucky Friday-the-13th" to worry the superstitious or deter them from travel or the transaction of business.

The year begins customarily with "New Year's Day," a holiday following a Sunday. It becomes a day apart from any week or month, the third day of a 3-day week end. The holiday is definitely named and accounted for. It is followed by Monday, January 1, the second day of the year and the first working day. This logical method uses an already well-known international holiday as the annual day apart. Its sole purpose as such is to allow the calendar to become fixed and perpetual.

In leap years another international holiday is definitely named and accounted for as a day apart. It is called simply "Leap-Year Day." It is the third day of another



Reading the Announcement that their Poems have been published in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry are: Kathleen Gentile, Sister M. Del Ray, Carolyn Osiek, Deanna Schaefer, Elizabeth Huber, and Madelyn Bell.

Juniors Plan January Mixer

The junior class will be the hostesses for the annual January Mixer, instead of NFCCS, according to Georgia Geders, president. Scheduled for Friday evening, January 23, the event will take place in Medaille Hall Ballroom.

Music will be provided by an orchestra, and admission will be seventy-five cents.

All Fontbonne students are invited to attend.

Faculty Will Attend

Theology Meeting

The Society of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine will hold their fifth Regional Meeting at Mary Mount College in Salina, Kansas, on Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20. Sister Ann Virginia and Sister Agnes Patrice, of the theology department, will represent Fontbonne.

Twenty-eight groups are in the region, including colleges and seminaries in Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado, and Kansas. The regional board consists of Rev. Leo A. Coressel, S.J., St. Louis University, Chairman; Sister Ann Virginia secretary; Rev. James Lyons, College of St. Teresa; Sister Timothy Ryan, S.S.N.D., Notre Dame College; and Mother Louise L. Keyes, R.S.C.J., Maryville College.

Quote Dishonest Customer Has It Easy Unquote

When Rev. Aloysius McDonough, C.P., columnist in "The Sign Post," recently told his readers that person-to-person telephone calls home to a fictitious party by travellers to signal their safe arrival at a distant destination are decidedly dishonest, they were amazed.

Knowing that this practice is widespread, Father McDonough said that nevertheless this practice is wrong. He answers a subscriber who believed that the practice is all right.

Father McDonough then comments on phone calls. There was a service charge for uncompleted person-to-person phone calls years ago, but in order to encourage business that service charge was discontinued. "Now it seems that a dishonest customer has it easy."

3-day week end. It follows Sunday, July 28 and precedes Monday, August 1. The use of these two days apart is the only logical way of revising the calendar to obtain equal monthly, quarterly and annual working periods and yet keep it within the solar year. Without such revision, any other proposed change becomes impractical.

Sleighbells Will Ring At Ball January 9

The annual Sleigh Bell Ball, sponsored by the freshman class, will be January 9, in Medaille Hall from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. Every member of the class will serve on a committee since this is an all-class project.

Cookies and punch will be served during the dance in the alumnae room.

Mary Patricia Begley, Lynda Langhi, and Mary Frances Strubberg are general co-chairmen.

Bids are \$3.00, and all students are invited to attend the first formal dance of the new year.

The orchestra, as yet, has not been decided upon, although, as in past years, a good selection was made.

Archbishop Noll Award Committee Receives College's NFCCS Nominations

At the last meeting of the NFCCS Fontbonne campus council, four nominees were presented to the National Award Committee at Notre Dame University. The names of the nominees were not disclosed.

The Archbishop Noll Award, a National award given by the National Federation of Catholic College Students, is an award which strives to give public recognition to the work accomplished by graduates of American Catholic Colleges in the field of the lay apostolate. Nominees are adjudged according to their apostolic activity in organizational work and in the realm of literary contributions.

Those nominated are outstanding Catholic St. Louisians noted for their service to both community and church. The council voted

New Comprehensive Contemplated For Sociology Majors

Students in the sociology department will be taking a new kind of comprehensive examination this year. Instead of the usual written and oral examinations, majors Willa Hicks, Erna Trice, Marilyn Clerc, and Jacqueline Devine will write a paper.

This paper will be an essay on the student's conception of Utopia, or a perfect society in man could live. Covering the six basic institutions of society with special emphasis on the Christian concept of man as a social being, the essay is to contain original ideas as well as a workable bibliography of suggested readings. It is hoped that in this way the majors will thus tie together the theory presented in various sociology classes.

After writing this paper, the students will have to defend it in a one hour oral examination, which will be open to the public.

Council Hostess To Colleges

Sometime during January, the exact day not being decided as yet, members of Fontbonne Student Government Association will be hostesses at a conference given in Medaille Hall for the student councils of Maryville College and Webster College. At the meeting the three organizations will discuss their common problems of student government. In this way new ideas will be exchanged and developed to benefit the three colleges.

In charge of the meeting will be the president, Mary Ann Vatterott; vice-president, Claire Saenger; secretary, Mary Jane Tedford; and treasurer, Constance Tauber.

Music Department Presents Symphony Cellist in Concert

Olga Zilboorg, cellist, member of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and Jeanne Miller, pianist, will present a concert, sponsored by the music department, on Monday, December 15, at 8:30 p.m.

The program will consist of Sonata in A Major with Adagio by Boccherini; Sonata in A Minor ("Arpeggione") with Allegro Moderato, Adagio, and Allegretto by Schubert; Sonata in C Major, Op. 102, with Andante, Allegro Vivace, and Adagio, Allegro Vivace by Beethoven; and Rhapsody with Moderato, Allegretto, Moderato, Allegro Molto, and Moderato by Bartok.

Other such programs given by symphony members are planned for the remaining school year. All are invited to come.

Save Betty Crocker Coupons For Home Economists

Bring your Betty Crocker package coupons to the cafeteria!!! All students are asked to put the coupons from the cereals and cereal products, cake and icing mixes in boxes at the entrance of the cafeteria starting today.

The coupons will be used for furnishing the home economics kitchens with more stainless steel utensils, electrical devices, and table ware.

Poems Merit Publication In Anthology

Each year the National Poetry Association publishes its Anthology of College Poetry. As in other years, Fontbonne students were well represented.

Poems accepted for publication are: "The Dancer," by Deanna Beth Schaefer; "Smoke," by Carolyn Osiek; "Clouds," by Betty Huber; "Where Love Abounds," by Madelyn J. Bell; "Night Nurse," by Kathy Gentile; "To Sleeping Grass," by Sister M. Del Rey.

Yearbook Goes To Printer

Fontbonne, the college yearbook, went to press December 15 according to Afra Jean Leavitt, editor. The theme and method of presenting the division pages of this year's annual is a deep, dark secret, following the custom established a few years ago. Mary Louise Dorley is associate editor; Madelyn Forman is art editor.

Last year's book was dedicated to St. Joseph and was done in a college medium. It is now going through a second edition at the publishers, and when it is finished, the book will be distributed to sales personnel, exhibits, main and branch offices of the Inter-Collegiate Press, Inc., of Kansas City, Mo.

The 1957 annual was dedicated to Christ and His Blessed Mother in six events of their lives on earth and in Heaven. In 1956, the theme was the Prophets, who included Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zacharias, Malachias, and John the Baptist.

In 1955, the Holy Spirit was honored, as evidenced in His Seven Gifts. The Marian Year, 1954, book was devoted to the Mother of God.

Sodality

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) All items received will be placed in baskets to be given to needy families. Students are asked to place their donations in Ryan Hall 301 before December 17.

The spiritual committee has made a request for old religious articles such as medals, rosaries, or scapulars for the converts of Viet Nam, Indo-China. The request is made by the Apostolic Administrator, the Most Rev. P. M. Pham Ngoc Chi. Anyone who has such an article which is not in use or one which can be mended is asked to bring it before Dec. 16 to room Ryan 301.

The success of both projects which the spiritual committee is sponsoring and the Christmas basket program depend on the cooperation of everyone who is able to assist the committee in charge.

During the weekend of November 1, five Fontbonne girls represented the sodality at a conference held at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. Marilyn Montileone, Carol Englehard, Ann Niemier, Doris Prag, and Janice Leiter, attended the meeting, discussing the more important phases of sodality life. The primary subject, mental prayer and the apostolate, was subordinated by ideas on the Mass and the counseling system for probates.

Sigma Beta Mu

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) Margery O'Rourke, president of the club, said that in addition to affording the music students experience in performing before an audience, it presents an excellent opportunity to the entire student body to hear good music.

IRC Invited To Lecture on Human Rights

IRC received an invitation from the Collegiate Council for the United Nations to attend a lecture on Human Rights at Washington University Monday, Dec. 8, at which the speaker was Allard Lowenstein, former president of the United States National Student Association and administrative assistant to Dr. Frank Graham in the U.S. Senate. He is currently field representative for the Collegiate Council.

Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations, IRC joined its voice with other affiliates in affirming that the premise of the Declaration is a sound one, namely, "the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world."

Officers of the club are: Edna Golden, president; Stephanie Kane, vice-president; Elaine Otsuka, secretary; Joyce Tobin, treasurer.

Speech Majors Schedule Recitals In February, May

Senior Dramatic art recitals will be presented under the direction of Miss Carmelita Schmelig as a part of the speech and drama degree requirements. Prior to last year, a major in speech and drama gave a solo performance in each of the two divisions; however, last year the regulations were changed enabling the majors to give a dramatic art recital combining the two arts.

Two recitals are scheduled for the year, one in February by Susan Kova Kicham and another in May to be given by Jacqueline Beulick. The dates and their selections will be announced later.

Advanced Standing

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) eral Education in School and College Committee Report and to the Committee Reports of the School and College Study of Admission with Advanced Standing. Supported from 1932 to 1955 by the Fund for the Advancement of Education, the School and College Study did four things. It assisted in the organization of new college-level courses in a small group of public and independent schools; it examined the students who took these courses; it effected an agreement among 12, and later 15, colleges to give credit and placement to students who did satisfactory work in these courses and examinations; it sponsored conferences for school and college teachers. As the Study progressed, additional schools equipped to do such work set up advanced courses and their graduates entered colleges and universities throughout the country.

In 1954, 18 schools had 532 students who took 959 examinations and entered 94 colleges; in the spring of 1955, the corresponding numbers were 38 schools, 925 students, 1522 examinations, and 134 colleges. In 1956, the first time the examinations were offered by the College Board, 104 schools had 1229 students who took 2199 examinations and entered about 130 colleges. The May 1957 figures were 212 schools, 2068 students, 3772 examinations, and 201 colleges.



Wives of the King and Anna seen recently in the All-Student Production of "The King and I" are: Kneeling: Gale Hebert and Kathleen Noser. Standing: Rosemary Noser, Paula Franklin, Marian Wuerz, Joyce Tobin, and Margery O'Rourke, who played the title role.

Organizations' Point System Explained; Time of Meetings Given

Members of campus organizations at Fontbonne maintain their affiliation in accordance with a point system. An established number of points is attributed to each office. A student holding the position of student government officer, student council representative, sodality prefect, newspaper editor, resident hall president, or NFCCS senior delegate is credited with the maximum number of points allowed; this is twelve.

The year book editor, class presidents, and FAA president each receive 10 points. Eight points each are allotted to, art editor of the yearbook, as well as to the Red Cross chairmen, NFCCS regional chairman, or subordinate officer of the sodality.

A student holding the office of literary magazine editor, remaining class officers, vice-chairman of the Red Cross, NFCCS Junior delegate or presidency of remaining organizations is given six points each. Offices for which two points are allotted are those of NFCCS campus chairmen, committee chairmen of the sodality, and secretary and treasurer of remaining organizations.

Students holding positions for which they are given a total of twelve points are automatically disqualified from other offices.

Apostolic Work Of Sodalists

Sodalists are performing 155 hours of Apostolic work weekly in St. Louis hospitals, old folk's homes, orphans' homes, and in their parish teaching Christian Doctrine.

Pre-Registration Dates Are December 5-17

Pre-registration for second semester began Friday December 5, and will extend through Wednesday, December 17. During this time students plan tentative class schedules which are then checked by their advisers. This procedure alleviates much of the congestion of registration and also facilitates dissolution of conflicts.

Meeting days are scheduled according to a pre-established system. The Red Cross, FAA, and NFCCS meet on the first Monday of the month, while the SGA holds its assembly the second Monday of the month. The art, biology, French, and music clubs meet on the third Monday, and IRC, home economics, and Footlights clubs hold their meeting on the last Monday. Each of these organizations meet at 2:00 p.m. on the scheduled day.

Organizations which meet at other times are as follows: Glee Club, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.; religious organizations, Fridays at 2:00 p.m.; Student Activities Committee, second Monday at 4:00 p.m.; Student Council, Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m.; and class meetings Wednesdays as listed on the school calendar.

This system of scheduling eliminates the possibility of conflicts with club and class meetings.

Athletes Have Many Plans

At their December meeting, F.A.A. members enjoyed a St. Nicholas Party with refreshments, gifts, and all the feast day trimmings. No left-over food and reluctant departures attested to the success of the party.

Vice-president Joan Schafers wishes to remind the members that "After-School Sports" began Thursday, December 4. All students are invited to attend. President Jo Ann Schuessler reports that preliminary plans are being discussed for the annual Penny Circus, which will be held during the second semester.

Sincere congratulations are offered to the Sophomore Volleyball Team I for their Intramural victory. A trophy commemorating their achievement will soon be awarded the team.

Christmas vacation begins Wednesday, December 17, after the last class. Classes resume Tuesday, January 6.

Red Cross Entertains College Foreign Students

A Red Cross sponsored International Day Christmas Party was given at Washington University's Student Center Sunday, December 7, from 2 to 5 p.m.

All foreign students in the St. Louis area, as well as the American students attending colleges in this area, were invited to attend. It was possible for the foreign students to make recordings to send home to their families for Christmas.

A novel highlight, both educational and entertaining, was the wearing of native costumes and dress by the foreign students, who also gave traditional and cultural comments about the clothing.

Those representing Fontbonne were Rose Maria Gil, Maria Teresa Caprio, Gladys Fernandez, Margarita Sosa, Juanita Conrad, Julia Missey, Edith Piete, Marilyn Clerc, Julia McDermott, Mary Ann Sedarski, Mary Ann Gerlach, Margie Ann Gerlach, Judy McKinney, Mary Kay Verplanke, Colette Topolse, Kathleen Mahlandt, Sara Lee Tyler, Linda Kurz, Phyllis Delaney, Mary Ann Mitchell, Oliverne Holloway, Joyce Powers, Sallie Ster-

ling, Sally Corrigan, Elizabeth Messmer, Barbara Gutting, Jeanette Tonka, Doris Trost, and Edna Golden also attended the party.

18 Students Sell TB Pins

The Tuberculosis and Health Society will open their annual campaign Tuesday, December 16. Carolyn Carroll, who is in charge of the campaign on the Fontbonne Campus, has assigned each of the following students a local area in which to sell TB pins.

Following are the sellers of pins: Julia Roerkohl, Patricia McManamee, Joan Kaiser, Sharon Strecker, Sharon Holland, Jayne Ann Montague, Lynda Langhi, Mary Jane Karst, Mary Ann Norman, Afra Jean Leavitt, Suzanne McFarland, Carol Sullivan, Donna Weber, Barbara Costello, Marilyn Montileone, Mary Thompson, and Sara Lee Tyler.

The Chase Hotel, Lambert Municipal Airport, Jefferson Hotel have thus far been assigned to Fontbonne.

Senior Class Presents Swimmer Roz Calcaterra

An important activity is being promoted in order to raise funds for the NFCCS-sponsored scholarship drive. A water show, sponsored by the senior class, will be presented on Thursday, December 11, and on Tuesday, December 16. The show will feature sophomore and Olympic champion synchronized swimmer, Rosalind Calcaterra, and the swimming club.

Both shows will start at 4:15 p.m., in the gym, and the admission fee is 50c.

The swimmers will give their interpretations of a "Pajama Party on Christmas Eve", and other numbers will be "Snow Flakes", "Sleigh Ride", and "Joy To The World". One of the acts will feature both comedy diving and fancy diving.

Student Council at Weekly Meeting

The Student Council at its weekly meeting made three announcements. The first concerns the Christmas gift to the faculty. This will be a check of \$100 and a High Mass to be celebrated for all the faculty members.

A framed scroll containing the students enrolled in the Apostleship of Prayer will be hung in a place to be decided later.

Den duty has been abolished and will be replaced by individual responsibility. The den is to be left in order, and if, after inspection in the late afternoon, this condition is not found, the den will be closed the following day. Campuses will be given to those who are found guilty of breaking any of the rules regarding the den.



Looking at the Unique Shell Collection in Science Hall are Freshmen Mary Jane Karst and Joan Stephens. Containing several hundred Specimens, including Corals, Mollusks, Sponges, and Echinoderms, the Museum Case was erected in 1939 in memory of Sister M. Leonilla Ryan, First Director of the Biology Department.

exaltation

The mystery at Bethlehem may be viewed in the light of its visible externals or in its invisible supernatural implications. Undoubtedly, the second way is preferable to the first. Here, in the drawing, quoting from Holy Scripture, we may add, "The King of Peace is exalted, and the whole world desires to see His face." Stable and manger and shepherds were the seed from which the mighty tree of God's kingdom grew; the Church with all her saints, all her virtues, and with all her good works is Christ's exaltation.

... in line of duty

Firemen, policemen, and members of the armed forces die gloriously "in the line of duty." Americans, particularly, are accustomed to reading in the newspapers, "He lost his life in the line of duty" when a wall of a flaming building falls on a fire fighter, when a member of the police department is killed by a bank robber, when a soldier drops on the battlefield after being struck by a bullet from an enemy gun.

It is something else when religious and lay teachers die in a burning grade school after trying in vain to direct their pupils to safety.

The tragedy at Our Lady of the Angels Parochial School in Chicago last week points up a calamitous reality. Twenty minutes before the dismissal bell rang, the fire broke out. Observers saw one nun come to the classroom window, call for help, look back over her shoulder, and then leave the window. A second nun was found dead near her desk close to her dead little pupil. A third died in the corridor. Students told of seeing their teacher roll pupils down the stairs away from the enveloping flames.

All, and who can say otherwise, gave their lives . . . "in the line of duty." "Resqueant in pace."

jesse tree

Did you ever hear of a Jesse Tree? In case you do not know, it is a Christmas tree which really and truly celebrates the birth of Christ. When Jesse Tree symbols are hung on a Christmas tree, it is transformed into the "Family Tree" of Christ, since each decoration is a symbol either of an ancestor of Christ or of a prophecy foretelling His coming.

Here are a few examples. First, a Star of David, a six-pointed star which is the emblem of the Royal House of David, the house of which Christ was born. Or how about a symbol of the sun? Just as the natural sun gives light and life to all upon whom its rays fall, so Christ, the New Dawn, dispels darkness and brings eternal life and light. We might use a key, symbolizing Christ who reopened to mankind the gates of heaven.

Or maybe you would like Jacob's Ladder signifying Christ, the God-man, who is the Ladder reuniting earth to heaven, mankind to God. Then there are the tablets of the law. The law of Moses as symbolized in the tablets was fulfilled in Christ who brought the law of love. Finally, we might use the aschal Lamb, traditional symbol of Christ who sacrificed Himself to take away the sins of the world.

With some construction paper and a little imagination you can easily make these and many other symbolic ornaments for your own Jesse Tree and make yours a Christmas tree for Christ.



Italy Needs More Education Says Sign Magazine Writer

"While 99.6 per cent of Italy is officially Catholic, the true figure is far below that," Barrett McGurn, head of the Rome Bureau of the New York Herald Tribune, declares in the December issue of the Sign, national Catholic magazine published here.

"Forty per cent or more of Italy votes Communist, pro-Communist Socialist or anti-Communist Socialist," McGurn reports. "All three left-wing currents are Marxist, and to the extent that any Italian really understands and approves of them he is cut off from Catholicism."

"Very many Italians would like to be Catholics and Communists both," McGurn says. The Communist Party has preached for a decade that the two can fit together, that a man can be a Communist "politically" and a Catholic "by religion." Unquestionably this is a lie.

"Italy has no parochial school system," McGurn discloses. "Italy's public school system is still little better than primitive." This is part of the reason, according to McGurn, "why 40 per cent Marxist vote can be rolled up in a nominally all-Catholic and almost entirely baptized country."

McGurn mentions that "absence of a tradition of Church support is a sad inheritance among Italy's Catholics." "A middle-class man," he says, "will feel no shame as he drops into the collection plate a sum too small to pay for a single cigarette. Many priests in postwar Italy have an income of only 1.25 a day. Some cloistered nuns have to get by on 10c or 15c..."

The McGurn report indicates Italy "has the largest single nat-

ional groups of priests in the world, about one for every 800 persons in the country. It has one-fifth of the bishops in charge of dioceses, a third of the cardinals, and it has given the Church all its popes for the past 4 centuries."

"Italy needs more education..." he concludes, "and a vast increase in religious instruction especially, but a nation which has so warm and gentle a basic character and has given the Church so many saints can pride itself on a Catholic spirit few other nations can claim."

Extend Yuletide Greetings

The Senior Class would like to extend to our dear fellow classmates the blessings and grace of this Christmas season.

A special wish goes also to the religious and lay faculty who have done so much for us in all of our four years. To thank them adequately could hardly be done, but we do give them, formally at this time, our heartfelt gratitude and the wishes for a most happy Christmas season.

May the gifts of the Holy Child also bring them both a most successful and prosperous New Year. (Signed) Gina Borelli President

To all of the Faculty and Students, the Junior Class extends its sincere wishes that you may have a happy and blessed Christmas. May the Christ Child, whose birthday we celebrate, bless each and everyone of you in a special way through the New Year.

(Signed) Georgia Geders President

In this holy and joyful season in which we celebrate the Christ Child's birthday, the Sophomore Class wish to extend to you and yours, our sincere wishes that you may enjoy the Christmas spirit of peace and love. May the Light of Happiness shine for you on Christmas Day and throughout the New Year.—Happy Holidays!

(Signed) Joan Clarke President

On behalf of the Freshman Class, I would like to wish the faculty and students of Fontbonne grace and peace in Christ Jesus this Christmastide and throughout the New Year. May the Lord bless and keep each and every one of you.

(Signed) Gale Hebert President

Pursuit of Higher Education Is the Pursuit of Truth

Have you noticed it too? By "it" I refer to this so-called qualification of society known as "attitude." What is the general attitude of a student toward her studies and toward the primary reason for a higher education? Is here such an apathetic attitude that the average student is not capable of such thought about these basic things, or does she fear the repercussions that would certainly follow as a result of the realization that the primary purpose of her education is one of formation, a formation of basic principles upon which to build a truly Christian American way of life? The student of today—the correctness of this title could be subject to debate—seems more concerned with situating herself in the world, than fulfilling her potentialities of shaping the principles of the universe.

Perhaps the chief ill of society today is that "in far too many instances, education consists in a fact-gathering process whose end is grades, passing courses, and graduation with a view to obtaining well-paying jobs and social prestige." Too infrequently are these studied facts and truths integrated into the lives of the "educated." But where does this ill germinate? In my opinion this contagion spreads to, and germinates in, the individual through a society thoroughly contaminated by a quest of the material.

There is not a doubt that the position of society at large is a dangerous one. But the mere realization of a problem is only the first step toward its solution. The

action which follows realization must begin with those truly educated people of our day. Will we one day class ourselves with the truly educated? I would venture that we will not if we blindly accept the secondary reason for education (seeking truth in a particular field) as the goal of our striving. The purposes of higher education are the pursuit of truth and the preparation of the individual for service to society. These purposes enable the penetration of ultimate realities and also gives one the insight into the basic problems of society. Therefore a true

Books You Will Like

A twelve-year old girl at Isle-Aux-Érables had a "vision" while playing with friends. Years later a cynical newspaper man decided to expose this incident along with other "miracle factories."

The author, William Barrett has woven a powerful story against this background in "The Empty Shrine," a new book, which has been selected as the December book of the Catholic Digest Book Club.

Author of "The Hand of God," and "Sudden Strangers," Barrett also has written short stories and magazine articles. Doubleday and Co. are the publishers.

Help CURA to Help Others

You, a Fontbonne College student, have an anonymous friend!

You are an individual, significant part of the College and University Relief Administration of N.F.C.C.S. "Fine," you say, "I am a member of CURA but so what; CURA will function with or without me." But just as the intricacy and wholeness of a picture puzzle depends on the presence or absence of its most minute piece, the efficiency of any organization depends on the individual participant's knowledge of its goal. And what do you know about CURA?

At Fontbonne, and at all member colleges of N.F.C.C.S., CURA is directed to aiding the less fortunate students here and abroad to acquire an education befitting potential Catholic leaders. CURA is not an impersonal mechanism. It is one Fontbonne student giving to another student; it is a federation of anonymous friends.

The chairman, Phyllis Delaney, is planning the year's activities around selling second-hand books to various dealers in St. Louis. Half the profits of the April N.F.C.C.S. dance will benefit CURA, and there have been many clothes collections in the past. The organization, in turn, uses your old history book, your "out-grown red dress, your fifty-cent dance ticket to help pay for YOUR needy friend's Catholic education.

They say that knowledge of higher values is the key to interest and action. You knew the value of a Catholic education. Now you know the value of CURA.

student must order her own life and see her place in society and the contribution she is to make to it.

Carroll Cunningham

Cuban Student Likes Fontbonne; It Makes Her Feel So Much at Home

"Fontbonne is the perfect place for foreign students. Here we have wonderful opportunities to develop our 'culture,'" stated Rosa Maria Gil, a freshman resident student from Santiago, Cuba, and a business major. She has already obtained her B.S. degree in science and letters from the College of the Sacred Heart in Santiago, and plans some day to obtain a master's degree in natural sciences at the University of Havana, where she would also like to teach.

Rosa Maria came to the United States two years ago in order to learn to speak English and become acquainted with the American ways of life. She left home at a very fortunate time, that of the Batista Revolution. After a year away from home she wished to return

to Cuba, but the political situation made that a physical impossibility. However, before entering Fontbonne she was able to spend last summer with her parents and older sister.

One of the customs to which she has had difficulty adapting is the United States system of dating. In Cuba a girl is never allowed to be alone with her current beau. Not until she marries is the chaperone dispensed with.

Most impressive at Fontbonne are the attitudes of the American students toward the foreign students. "Everyone here wants to help us to speak English well and to teach us their customs," said Rosa Maria, "The Sisters, Professors, and girls are so friendly; they really make us feel at home."