



Committee in Charge of Sodality Thanksgiving Dance. First Row: Donna Weber, Adrienne Musial. Standing: Julia McDermott and Susan Grannemann.

Sodalists Sponsor Five-Day Retreat January 22-27

The Sodality of Our Lady of Fontbonne is sponsoring its first annual five-day retreat from Friday to Wednesday, January 22-27, 1960, at the Mercy Retreat House, 123 Laclede Station Road, Webster Groves, Mo. All sodalists are required to attend; any senior, junior, or sophomore who is interested in making the retreat is cordially invited.

Rev. William Mountain, S.J., will be the retreat master. At present Father Mountain is studying for his doctorate as St. Louis University; during the past year he has given retreats to both sodalities in the schools of arts and commerce and finance.

IRC Plans Semester Program

IRC has mapped out its complete schedule for the second semester. Under the direction of the inspiring Cardinal Mindzenty Foundation, IRC members will organize groups of twelve members for the study of the tactics, workings, and ideas of Communism. Students are invited to join these discussion groups, which will be supplied with reading material, consisting of brochures, pamphlets, and books.

At the meetings, speakers have also been engaged. One of the most noted and informed lecturers is Mr. Thomas Younglove, whose last appearance at Fontbonne was December 5 at the IRC Workshop. Mr. Younglove is a former United States counterespionage member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Movies will also be shown and will, perhaps, alternate with the appearance of the speakers. "The Revolt in Hungary," a movie depicting the history of the Hungarian uprising, using actual scenes from Budapest is one of the most intense. Others center around the birth of communism, the Karl Marx theory, and the Russian Revolution of 1917.

The purpose of the IRC program, which is centering all its attention on discussion groups for the second semester, will be to give students a working knowledge of the Communists, to study their propaganda methods, and to be able to recognize their propaganda methods and understand them.

Juniors Win Intramurals For Third Time

For the third consecutive year the present juniors have walked off with the volleyball intramural trophy. In second place were the sophomores. Games were played during the past four weeks in the gym.

The picked team after the tournament was completed is composed of the following: Carol Burt, senior; Joan Schafers, junior; Carole Sullivan, junior; Sabina Manieri, sophomore; Janet Steurer, sophomore; Estelle Redd, Carol Conway, Mary Lee Britt, Susan Flesch, Rosemary Garavaglia, Rose Ann Almerito, Barbara Walker, Denise Westhoff, Alice Thompson, and Joan Stepzinsky, freshmen.

Remaining games will be played today and Jan. 7 against Webster; on Jan. 13, against Harris.

Christmas Vacation Begins Today, Ends Tuesday, January 5

The Christmas Vacation begins today after the last class and will end Tuesday, January 5, 1960. Semester Examinations are scheduled from Monday, January 18, to Saturday, January 23, inclusive.

Registration will take place Thursday, January 28, for all classes except Saturday classes. The date for Saturday classes is January 29.

Sister Marguerite Extends Invitation To Epiphany Party

An invitation was received yesterday from Sister M. Marguerite, president of Fontbonne, to Fontbonne students and lay faculty for the annual Epiphany Party to be given on the Feast of the Manifestation, January 6.

Beginning with the celebration of Holy Mass in St. Joseph's Chapel at 11:30 a.m., by Rev. Edward Mullen, C.M., chaplain of Fontbonne, the party will then be resumed with lunch served in the resident students' dining hall and the cafeteria.

Classes will be shortened in the morning before Holy Mass and will not be resumed after the party.

Sophs Start Preparations For Dance

Plans are now being started for the Valentine Dance to be given by the sophomore class Friday evening, February 2, 1960, in Medaille Hall ballroom from 9 to 12 p.m.

Co-chairmen for the affair are Mary Thompson and Mary Jane Karst.

Heads of committees are Frances Bruno; publicity: Sara Lee Tyler, decorations: Patricia Cusumano, refreshments: Mary Collins, clean up.

Legionnaires At Curia Meeting

The South St. Louis County Curia of the Legion of Mary, of which the Fontbonne Praesidium is a member, will hold its regular meeting tomorrow evening, Dec. 18, at 8 o'clock. The place is St. Martin of Tours Parish Hall, Ripa Avenue and Telegraph Road, Lemay.

Highlighting the agenda will be the semi-annual reports from two parishes: Our Lady of Annunciation, St. Luke's, and Mary, Gate of Heaven, St. Martin's.

Fontbonne Legionnaires will be represented by the two St. Louis officers, Carole Sullivan and Carol Haefner. Kay Weighner and Sally Sterling will have left for their homes for the Christmas vacation.

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Barbara Weber, Winner of a Summer Scholarship to Laval University, Quebec, Canada. A Junior majoring in French. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Weber.

Anthology Accepts Poems From Six Fontbonne Students

The National Poetry Association recently announced that the poems of six Fontbonne students have accepted for publication in the *Annual Anthology of College Poetry*.

These works include the following "The Seed," by Sister Mary Teresita Flott, C.P.P.S.; "Spooks," by Estelle Lee Reed; "Birth," by Sister Grace Edmund Lully, C.S.J. "The Octopus," by Sister Carl Christine Leuschner, C.S.J.; "The Chasm," by Ethyne Nelson.

The anthology is a compilation of the best poetry written by college men and women of America. Selections were made from thousands of poems submitted.

The Font joins all the students in congratulating the winners.

Staffs Attend Testimonial Banquet For Dr. Dooley

In honor of Dr. Thomas A. Dooley's return to his medical missionary work in Laos, the St. Louis Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored a farewell banquet for 1600 guests in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, December 2. Twelve members of the yearbook and annual staffs attended.

To aid Dr. Dooley in his great work the citizens of St. Louis represented by architect Thomas Everson, presented the missioner with a check for \$14,131 to be used for the purchase of an airplane. This means of transportation will enable the doctor to establish two new hospitals. Other checks donated to the cause totaled \$17,000. Presented to Dr. Dooley by Dr. Preston C. Hall were a silver cup and an honorary certificate of membership in the Missouri Academy of General Practice.

Speaking of the organization called MEDICO, Dr. Dooley stated that it attempts to show "the big, Christian idea that a connection exists between all peoples."

The program also included: an Invocation by Rev. Paul Reinert of St. Louis University; a Musical Interlude featuring "The Informants": Fannie Cusanelli, Kathy Richter, Peter Messineo, and John E. Peters; the Introductions of Guests by Joe Garagiola, Toastmaster; the Presentation of Awards and Citation; an Address by Dr. Thomas A. Dooley.

Fontbonne students attending the program were Barbara Miles, Carol Lembeck, Barbara Rubinelli, Mary Ellen Matejka, Marianne Kunz, Fay Lampros, Julia McDermott, and Madelyn Forman from the yearbook staff. Representing the Font were Kathleen Mahlandt, Sally Corrigan, Carolyn Fites, and Marilyn Montileone.

Sodalists Ask For Aid In Holiday Giving

Sponsoring its annual Christmas Basket Campaign, the Sodality of Our Lady is acting under the chairmanship of seniors Joan Fegan and Judith Lexa, juniors Marilyn Montileone and Barbara Rubinelli, sophomores Roxanne Weyerick and Patricia Boland, and freshmen Molly Finnegan and Marianne Kuntz.

The organization asks the cooperation of all the students in bringing food to the Fine Arts Lounge on Tuesday, December 15, and Wednesday, December 16. Each student is likewise requested to donate twenty-five cents for the purchase of turkeys and hams.

Last year Sodalists visited over sixty families and gave them Christmas baskets. They hope that this year's drive will be as successful.



Staffs of the Yearbook and Newspaper looking at their Tickets to the Banquet given in honor of Dr. Tom Dooley, St. Louis-born doctor practicing medicine in Laos. First Row: Marilyn Montileone, Fay Lampros, Barbara Miles, Kathryn Mahlandt, Carolyn Lembeck, Madelyn Forman. Second Row: Barbara Rubinelli, Carolyn Fites, Mary Ellen Matejka, Sally Corrigan.

Fontbonne Theatre Players, Dramatic Group, Were Formerly Known As Footlights Club

The dramatic organization now known as the "Fontbonne Theatre Players" had its beginning in 1929, six years after Fontbonne opened its doors.

In the early days of the club there was no speech department as such, but it was incorporated into the fine arts departments, and from its majors sprang a group wishing to produce plays.

Some of the earliest major productions were *As You Like It*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *The Pied*

Piper, and *Quality Street*. All of these productions were directed by Miss Belle Marie Mullins, who, before her death in January, 1956, was head of the speech department for 18 years and moderator of Footlights Club, as the dramatic organization was then known. An interesting note about these early shows is that before Medaille Hall was built, many of them were presented at the end of May in an outdoor sunken terrace on the south campus. Alumnae and faculty remember with delight *Midsummer Night's Dream*, performed *al fresco*.

In the fall of 1956 the Fontbonne College Theatre was established as a student activity to produce six theatre productions that are held throughout the academic year. At this time a director of theatre was appointed, and Miss Carmelita Schmelig was given the position. She had been moderator of the Footlights Club.

Currently, the six productions fall into two areas: First, major productions in which any student of Fontbonne may participate. These include the Student Musical, held in November, the February production, which this year will become a part of the Fine Arts Festival, and the Children's Theatre, which is presented after Easter. Some of the most recent include: *Briarwood*, *The King and I*, *Song of Norway*, *Our Town*, *Mrs. McThing*, *The Red Shoes*, *Many Moons*, and *Last of the Leprechauns*.

In the second area are three productions sponsored by the dramatic organization in which only members of the organization may participate. These productions are presented as two experimental theatre productions, for example, the current year's *The Heiress*, a Reader's Theatre presentation held in October, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, being presented in the round in March. There will also be a student-directed workshop, which this year will be a "Theatre Revue," scheduled to be held next month.

With the establishment of the Fontbonne College Theatre, members of the Footlights Club decided in 1958 to change the name to the Fontbonne Theatre Players.

This organization, following the pattern of the majority of the clubs on campus, is a co-curricular activity. It exists primarily for the purposes of presenting good theatre and supplementing the courses on the theatre given by the speech department. The club is not made up exclusively of speech majors and minors. Many of its members

participate in its activities for entertainment, or for the creativity of theatre.

At the present, the club numbers 31, and the officers are the following: Joan Wavering, president; Barbara Jahoda, vice-president; Julia Finn, recording secretary; Joan Fegan, point secretary; Patricia Cramer, treasurer; and Mary Louise Hobold, representative to the Honorary National Fraternity, to which many of the club members belong.

Besides producing plays, the club does much charitable work off campus. In addition to various pageants and revues given for parish groups throughout the city, it also performs and take charge of programs for the Fontbonne Alumnae Association. This year, to replace the Hospital Program for the St. Louis Children's Hospital, the club has taken on a new project of a monthly variety show for the City's mental hospital.

Panelists At Symposium Highlight Darwin Day

What is evolution, and is it possible? Is it an insult to the dignity of man to say he is descended from the ape? Does the evolutionary theory contradict the dogma of the Catholic Church? These and other questions were answered in a symposium held on December 7, "Darwin Day", at Fontbonne, by a distinguished panel.

In her introductory talk Ruthann Marshall, president of the Albertus Magnus Club, stated that evolution consists in the theory that all species of animals and plants developed from simpler forms of life. Sister Rita Marie of the philosophy department, asserted that science, theology, and philosophy should work together in the research into the possibility of evolution.

Biologist

Considering the theory in a scientific light, the biologist deals with secondary causes, said Dr. John Dwyer, director of the department of biology at St. Louis University. Skeltons found in the earth at different times reveal the development of animals from their origins to their present forms. There also appears to be evidence to support the theory of man's material evolution from the animal or sub-human.

Though science at times seems to go against Catholic doctrine, these contradictions are merely misunderstandings of the sci-

Unit Entertains Scott Patients

Fontbonne Red Cross hostesses entertained the patients at Scott Air Force Base Hospital at a gala Christmas party Thursday evening, December 10.

Vocalists featured in the entertainment program were Kathleen Bourne singing "Silver Bells" and Dixie Moyer in "O Holy Night." Groups of carolers sang in French, German, and Spanish. Other popular numbers were Lynda Langhi's ballade to "White Christmas" and Rosemary Duckhardt's accordion solos.

Of course, old Santa visited the wards with his reindeer and brought Christmas gifts to the patients. Judith Toohill was the jolly St. Nicholas, and her reindeer include Theresa Kochanski (Rudolph), Sue Grannemann, Carolyn Osiek, Judith Scroggin, and Margaret Mary Herrick.

The refreshments consisted of coffee and delicious cookies made by Linda Shamel and her committee.

Chaperon for the group was Mrs. Ferdinand A. Verplanke, mother of Mary.

tific concepts in relation to Church teachings. Doctor Dwyer assured the students of Fontbonne that "there cannot be actual contradictions between his (the biologist's) findings and the defined doctrines of the Church."

Philosophy

Speaking for the philosophy department of Fontbonne, Mr. Francis J. Kegel stated that man is related to material things, especially the primate, the most perfect of the animal species. Logically, then, man could have possibly evolved from the ape. Mr. Kegel advanced the idea that the concepts of the First Cause and of the difference between mineral, plant, animal, and man must be preserved. "The key to man," he said, is his immortal soul.

The natural sciences will "widen your understanding of yourself, humble you in relation to God, and cause you to stand in awe of the living creation," commented Rev. Eugene Dehner, O.S.B., director of the biology department of St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas. Acting as the symposium's theologian, Father stated that Charles Darwin in his *Descent of Man* admitted that the mind revolts at the idea that the universe was created by "blind chance."

Difficult Theory

Agreeing that it is difficult for people to accept the theory of man being descended from the ape, the three speakers offered their opinions on the matter. Dr. Dwyer showed that the interjection by God of the soul into the sub-human form makes a vast difference between the animal and man. Rather than insult man's dignity, the idea of the material evolution of man tends to elevate the position of man in the universe, stated Mr. Kegel. Finally Father Dehner offered his opinion. "I never could see why it would be nicer to come from hunk of dirt than from another animal."

In a summation talk that concluded the symposium, Sister Rose Agnes Keyes, C.S.J., director of the department of biology at Fontbonne, said that there is a wide gap between animal and man which has to be bridged by theology, philosophy, and science. "Recent Popes have encouraged, particularly commanded, us to collect all relevant information in these fields," Sister Rose Agnes concluded.

R. Calcaterra Heads Annual Water Carnival

"The Dolphin Club Presents", an annual Christmas water carnival, was held on December 14. Two shows were given this year for the convenience of the students. Rosalind Calcaterra, well known in the field of water polo, was the director. Also participating were: Marilyn Miller, Verne Eckstein, Susan Weber, by Sterling, Alice Thompson, Jean Kearney, Susan Glynn, Jones, Nancy Florman, and D. Trapp.

Pre-Season Advertising Unreasonable

Immediately after Thanksgiving, and even in some cases a few weeks before, thoughts turn directly to the Christmas holidays. Everyone suddenly becomes "gift-minded," and great crowds appear in the shopping districts to take advantage of the annual Christmas sales. Store windows are given a festive air because of the addition of fat, red-suited Santa Clauses, mischievous elves, and swift reindeer pulling a sleigh tightly packed with colorful toys. Every available wall is gaily decorated with silver bells, bright red poinsettias, boughs of green holly, and spangled ribbon. Store aisles are crowded with busy shoppers who give this season of the year a very commercial importance.

Because of this very reason the Church has brought forth an annual plea which is, "Keep Christ in Christmas." Although each year brings new progress, this plea is still heeded by a mere minority. Somehow, through the years Christmas seems to have lost its central point which is, of course, Christ Himself. Without this point Christmas is really not Christmas at all. It is merely a pagan winter festival such as the season actually was in the first place. In the early days of the Church, the date was chosen because of the festival significance, and the birthday of Christ was attached to it.

The loss of the spiritual aspect during the Christmas season can be attributed to two main sources. The first and most influential is advertising. Window decorations displaying jolly Santas and delightful toys make shoppers more aware of sales and children more conscious of what they might "get" for Christmas. An actual rarity is a window crib scene, for it advertises no product except the true meaning of Christmas. It has been said that while two women shoppers were looking at a manger scene in a department store window one said to the other, "look at that! Now the Church is trying to horn in on Christmas."

The second factor causing this loss of the Christian spirit is the simple Christmas greeting card. Many more than half of the cards received by the average family are far from being religious in nature. In fact, a religious card sent by a non-Catholic is a definite novelty. People have become so infected by the materialistic nature of the Christmas season that they consider religious cards old-fashioned.

In order that Christ might be foremost in the celebration of Christmas, the feast must be considered as a holy day as well as a holiday. Time must be set aside to consider the real context of Christmas—the history before Christ's coming and why God sent Him.

What Freshmen Say About Threat Of Communism

(Editor's Note: A poll was made to determine the reactions of freshmen to the ever increasing threat of Communism. The following are some of the suggestions given to arouse the people to act against this menace.)

Arlene Rodriguez

In the United States, in order to correct indifference, we must start first of all in the schools. We should strongly teach the younger generation the importance of knowing and understanding what is happening throughout the world and in the United States and how it will affect them. That is the most important step to take.

Maureen Flavin

By getting more people to see the evils of Communism we can fight indifference. This can be done by stressing good periodicals, books, or articles on Communism. Newspapers can join in the fight by writing more editorials. A good project for a school or club would be to write the papers asking them to fight communism.

Susan Flesh

Our generation is the one which will have to wake up and destroy this indifference. We can do this by studying the Communist organization more thoroughly and realizing the evils and how they affect us. When we study the Godless society we are bound to do something about it before it takes a stronger hold in our country.

Alice Thompson

The only way to overcome indifference towards communism is to be fully aware of it and its relation to us. We must educate ourselves about the origin, history, philosophies, purpose, and effects of Communism. After we really recognize these dangers, we will not be indifferent.

Donna Pruitt

Indifference may be overcome if people will become better informed about Communism and realize that it isn't just a far off system, but is actually present in some ways even in the United States. By thoughtfully reading newspaper and magazine articles concerning the subject, people can come to this realization and change their indifferent attitude.

Elaine Tighe

If America's vast resources of communication were put to use and directed by men prominent in the various fields of social relations, perhaps the masses would have means by which they could arrive at an awareness needed to counteract the Communist threat.



Lighting the Advent Wreath are Mary Ellen Matejka, Madelyn Forman, Joan Stoviak, Carolyn Lembeck, and Linda Kurz.

Exchange of Ideas, Opinions At NFCCS Meetings Prove Informative, Interesting

To effect an exchange of ideas and opinions, to promote a fluency among the administration, faculty, and students, Fontbonne, in conjunction with two hundred other S. Catholic colleges, is participating in the National Academic Program. This program, sponsored by the National Federation of

Catholic College Students, has as its aim "to define the problem areas in American Catholic Higher Education."

With this purpose in mind, the series of Academic Discussions held on campus, November 23 and 30 and December 5, were not policy-making, they were discursive, informative, and profitable.

Course objectives, study time, assignments, grading, survey courses—these are a few of the many pertinent topics on which views were given by representatives from each of the three groups. Mr. Francis Kinkel posed the question, "Can the student of 1959, faced as she is with a variety of home, church, business, and social demands, spend the specified two hours in preparation for each one hour of class time?" Barbara Daly, freshman, asked, "How can the student in some cases know what is expected of her? Wouldn't it be a good idea if each instructor clearly stated her course objectives right at the beginning of the semester?" "Do certain courses require a disproportionate amount of preparation?" was a question asked by Hilda Bantle, junior. Sister Mary Daniel queried, "Does study stop when homework ends?"

A glimpse at some of the "targets put under fire" by the group should encourage students to find out more concerning Fontbonne and the Academic Program.

38 Wydown Blvd. Theme For Show Given by Juniors

Hoping to begin the second semester with renewed school spirit, the junior class will inaugurate a program called the "Junior Polies." Using as a theme, "38 Wydown Boulevard," the class will present an hour's musical entertainment at the February 1st assembly.

Under the general management of Kathleen Gentile, the show will have tickets selling for fifteen cents apiece. The proceeds will be put in the class treasury to be used for the Prom.

How About Christmas Gift For Easter?

Give yourself a Christmas present labeled—not to be opened until Easter. Plan now for a glorious week in Bermuda or a tour sponsored by the National Federation of Catholic College Students. Bermuda is at its loveliest in April and it certainly offers all you expect and much more—water skiing, skin-diving, and sailing are but a few of the sports offered. We're sure you will agree Bermuda is one of the most beautiful isles in the Western Hemisphere with its white roofed homes and quaint narrow lanes. Would you like to see the moon rise over the Atlantic, tour the island on a bicycle, meet wonderful people? Then sign up for the NF Bermuda tour.

Included in the all-inclusive price of \$215.00 are accommodations, meals at the luxurious Princess Hotel, the finest in Bermuda, and access to all the facilities of the hotel including tennis courts, swimming pool and beach on the magnificent Atlantic.

You will enjoy special College Week activities such as an island cruise, beach parties, contests and leisure unlimited for the things YOU like best. No other college program offers equal features at this bargain price.

Departure date is Monday, April 18 from New York aboard Eastern Air Lines and you will return Sunday, April 24. Space is definitely limited so applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. All those interested should contact their campus NFCCS chairman, Marilyn Cass.

Staffs Fill Christmas Stockings For Children

Yearbook and newspaper staffs are reminded that today is the last day to bring their donations for the Christmas stockings to be given to children in the first, second, and third grades of St. Vincent's Parochial School, for their Christmas party.

Kathryn Mahlandt, editor of the Font, is general chairman. She will be found in the newspaper office any time today.



Faculty-Student Session meeting under the auspices of NFCCS. Seated: Jacqueline Chellis, Sister Anne Edward, Sister Mary Loretta, Patricia Cramer, Sister Mary Geraldine, Sister Helen Joseph, Hilda Bantle. Standing: Ruth Kloud, Marilyn Costello, Mr. Francis Kinkel, Susan Ries, chairman, Barbara Krausel (partly hidden), Sister Mary Teresine, Ruth Sinnet, Julia Tarnawski, Mr. Frank Kegel, Barbara Daly.

Sister Agnes Patrice Addresses Seniors

Sister Agnes Patrice addressed the senior class Wednesday, Dec. 1, on the Lay Teaching Apostolate, a movement which consists in Catholic college graduates offering the first year after graduation to the service of the Church.

The graduates volunteer as teachers in rural areas as well as in sparsely settled Catholic areas, generally in the South and Southwest. In return for their services they receive materially their transportation, board, room, and medical aid.

Health Scholarship Applications Received From National Foundation

All accredited colleges and high schools in St. Louis and St. Louis County have just received application forms for the 1960 Health Scholarships offered by the National Foundation. It was announced today by Jean B. Charak, chairman of the county chapter. Missouri receives approximately 15 such scholarships of the \$15 offered in all the states and territories.

The National Foundation awarded five such scholarships in St. Louis and St. Louis county during the past summer. These young people are now pursuing study in medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and social work at colleges and universities.

The Health Scholarships to which the state is entitled by population will be supported by funds from the New March of Dimes campaign in January against the crippling diseases of birth defects, arthritis and paralytic polio, each scholarship will pay \$500 a year, or a total of \$2,000 for four years of training in one of the five key health professions of medicine, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and medical social work.

Mr. Charak said the program was designed to help relieve the desperate shortage of experts who man the hospitals, clinics and treatment centers, care for the sick and injured, and safeguard the nation's health.

"The National Foundation's Health Scholarship Program," said Mr. Charak, "is one of the three weapons by which the world's biggest voluntary health organization is fighting the crippling diseases that affect one U.S. family in every four. The other two weapons are medical research, which produced the Salk vaccine, and patient aid, which provides medical care for victims of disease."

The final selection of winning candidates will be made next summer by state committees of leading professionals in the health fields. In 1959, the first year of the new scholarship program, according to Mr. Charak, more than 4,700 applications were received, but three-fourths of them were for training in medicine and nursing.

"This points up the need for making the public more informed about the lesser known but vitally important professions of physical therapy, occupational therapy and medical social work," said Mr. Charak.

High school seniors or college students interested in Health Scholarships should request ap-

plications from their principals, deans or career counselors, or the local chapter of The National Foundation.

The scholarship program is one division of the overall program of The National Foundation and its chapters which also includes mass polio inoculation programs, patient financial aid for medical care in polio, birth defects and arthritis, and nation-wide research in these diseases.

A Note Of Appreciation

The final curtain, the glare of the houselights, and the departure of a well-satisfied audience are all signs that another annual student production has ended. However, signals are not always wholly true; nor are these, for that matter.

There are many bills to be paid and, likewise, bills to be collected. And it is for that reason that we are not able to give you, Fontbonne students, a financial report of the "Song of Norway." We hope to have a complete report for the next issue of this paper.

Jacqueline Chellis is who would like to take this opportunity, though, to thank the chairmen of the business committees of the show. Actually, these girls were not working under our direction, or for us, but for you, Fontbonne students. And so it is in your name that we thank them.

We wish we could afford orchids for Barbara Gutting and Ann Rohlfing, co-chairmen of the advertising committee, as well as for Sabina Mainieri and Marilyn Scher, who easily handled the difficult task of bringing in patron money.

In our dreams we reward with a dinner for two at Henric's Anita Apprill and Kay Mueller, co-chairmen of the publicity committee; Anne Jeannet and Marilyn Costello, co-chairmen of the ticket committee.

Truly we have asked Santa Claus to fill with a few baubles from Tiffany's the stockings of Maureen Nash, promotion chairman; Kay Weigner, program chairman; Carol Engelhard, house manager.

And I would like to take this opportunity also to thank publicly my conferee, Jacqueline Chellis, also a business manager, for the outstanding job she performed. Being a practical person, I reward her with a year's supply of aspirin and a bottle of Milton.

Carroll Cunningham
Business Manager for
"Song of Norway"

IRC Workshopers Hear Two Well-Informed Lecturers

The International Relations Commission of NFCCS held its regional workshop on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Alumnae room. Though it was very poorly attended, those present spent a day learning many of the essentials in combating Communism.

In the morning, Miss Eleanor Schlafly, executive secretary of the Cardinal Mindzenty Foundation, gave a stimulating and well-informed lecture on influence and activities in Latin America. This talk followed a movie concerning the origin and early spread of Communism in Russia and the United States. An estimate by experts shows the United States to be 30-50% Communist dominated in politics, a figure larger than some Latin countries.

The afternoon included a tape recording by Richard Arens, Staff Director of the House Un-American Activities Committee, entitled

"Soviet Timetable for World Conquest." This was followed by a most profitable and enlightening talk by Mr. Thomas Younglove, former FBI counterespionage in the Communist Party in St. Louis. Among other things, Mr. Younglove said that the top secret Communist meetings used to be held in a basement across from the "Rock" Church on Grand and Finney, and that there are today approximately 500 dues-paying Communists in St. Louis, and 2000 sympathizers.

The lecturer told the audience of many personal experiences as well as of the danger, as he sees it, (and saw it from the inside,) threatening civilization. His final appeal was truly inspiring: "Take time to be free. Don't get so distracted that you lose your faith and trust, and take the time to be well informed in order to meet this modern-day challenge prepared."



IRC Workshopers: Linda Kurz, Madelyn Forman, Miss Eleanor Schlafly, Principal Speaker in the Morning Session, and Carolyn Osiek.

Well, Well! vitality

The ceremony in which a few graduates this year received the Fontbonne emblem was a quiet one. Formerly, the ceremony took place in the presence of the entire student body. The pins or rings were blessed, in St. Joseph's Chapel, Ryan Hall, a short talk was given, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament closed the services.

Of course, the seniors have never been compelled to buy a college insignia. Never has it been an official sign of attaining a degree. In fact, about twenty years ago the seniors themselves inaugurated this custom. However, through the years fewer and fewer fourth-year students seem interested in wearing the Fontbonne emblem.

And rightly so. The years in which college girls wear their college pin or ring is during their student days—while they are students in college, not while they are alumnae in their own homes, or teachers in their second grade classrooms.

The Fontbonne emblem redesigned should be made available to all students at the beginning of the college year. If following tradition is our desire, then that is what we are doing. The first graduating classes wore their Fontbonne pins for four years before they graduated.

Guest Editorial From NFCCS Officer Questions Symptoms of Democracy

Apparently, the strike cycle, whether in the mills or on the docks, is an unavoidable part of our American way of life. Acting under this assumption the nation passively submits to the cycle retaining only the hope that its ebb, perchance, will be but briefly sustained.

Usually, we can shrug off the waste and the hardship attendant on these factional disagreements with a quip—"Such is the price of democracy."

Have you perhaps questioned the validity of such time honored dialectics as democracy when applied to America 1959? Seemingly, such vocabulary is legitimately borrowed from Washington and Jefferson by few contemporaries, save the frustrated propagandist. Yet, legitimate or not, contemporary political thinking is steeped in such anachronistic terminology. Significantly, these gross inaccuracies comprise but a single symptom of a dangerous unconcern for self on the part of the "land of the free."

It should be fully realized that the democracy of our forefathers is, at best, on the wane. While we pay little notice, American society is gravitating, not imperceptibly, toward new modes, new ideologies. Forces, mostly human, are diligently occupied with a transformation effort in obscure motivation of little defined methods of action. Although we are intimately affected by this silent wave of innovation and thus have a justifiable interest, we display none. Oh, occasionally, a voice is heard crying, "Creeping Socialism" or some such pathetic epigram. However, a mere change of channels enables the one-eyed monster to grind such vigilantes into a dusty silence with a muscular rendition of "A-dolt Western."

A multi-tongued voices calls us to attention on these matters. Abroad, even our friends sincerely question the direction which our system is taking. But even in the face of genuine concern we proudly cling to an outmoded ethnocen-

You know that often Catholics look at things from a negative viewpoint. When asked what Baptism means to them, they are very apt to reply, "It means I no longer have original sin on my soul." All well and good! But wouldn't it be better to reply, "Baptism gives me a share in God's own life?"

This negative outlook seems to be something common to us all in our view of many things. When asked what Student Government means to us, many reply, "Student Government is concerned with keeping order, and it functions through posters telling us what to do and what not to do, and, oh yes, there is the all powerful demerit slip." It sounds foolish, doesn't it? But too often this is the connotation of the words Student Government to those who are its members.

Student Government should be a positive, vitalizing force. And it is! Student Government has the same aim as that of the college. It travels to that aim particularly by trying to help maintain an intellectual atmosphere on campus. The Discussion Club, the Big-Little Sister Program, the Scholarship Fund, Freshman Orientation, a Day of Reflection, an occasional assembly program, the Father-Daughter Banquet, and numerous other projects are sponsored by Student Government. Student Government is a tool of the student, a tool to be well-used and carefully preserved.

tricity which dismisses a world of "non American" thought, mistakenly classed as "un-American."

At home the alarm has been sounded. Millions of white-collar and civil service workers daily in the supermarket question the JUSTICE of a system which in the name of freedom dissolves savings and standards of living through the wage-price game of inflation.

In the face of this tumultuous outcry, when will we update our vocabulary of evaluation? Instead of confusing absolutes, when will our America ask "Is this JUST?"—instead of—"Is this democratic?" When will our criteria inquire "Is that in the spirit of CHRISTIAN CHARITY?"—rather than—"Is this the spirit of '76'?"—James Conneen (NFCCS Vice-President).

Candidates Nominated For Awards

Two candidates nominated for the Archbishop Noll Award by Fontbonne are two St. Louisans, Dr. Thomas Neill and Miss Elenor Schlafly. The Catholic student community's acknowledgment of, and homage to, the apostolic achievements of outstanding lay graduates of American Catholic institutions of higher learning, this award is given by the National Federation of Catholic College Students. It receives its name from the late Archbishop John Francis Noll, who was so vitally interested in the lay apostolate.

Dr. Neill was formerly on the history faculty at Fontbonne. He is now teaching at St. Louis University. The father of nine children, Dr. Neill has served as chairman of various committees for the National Council of Catholic Men; he has lectured extensively before clubs and study groups.

English Words Have Curious Histories and Extensions

Did you ever wonder about the histories of some of the words in the English language? The manner in which some of them came to have their present meanings is often very interesting or quite amusing.

It is possible, for example, to trace the word CANDIDATE back to ancient Rome. So they could be more easily recognized, office seekers wore white robes. Since the word for white was "candidus," these early politicians became known as candidates.

In Cervantes' romantic novel, "Don Quixote," the title character is a person who is idealistic by nature. Hence, the word QUIXOTIC means impractical. MAGAZIN comes from the Arabian root, "makghan," meaning a store-house for supplies. Because they were considered "storehouses" of knowledge, books were called magazines until the nineteenth century when the name was adapted to periodicals.

Twelve Days Of Christmas

If the season of Advent is kept in the proper spirit, the celebration of Christmas will be a holy experience. The proper time for joy and celebration of his great feast are the twelve days from Christmas to the Epiphany. During this time the Church celebrates the feast of Stephen, the first martyr; St. John, the Apostle of Love; and the feast of the Holy Innocents. Celebration is proper during these days because "we who are bathed in the new light of the Word made flesh, show forth in our actions that which by faith shines in our minds" (collect of 3rd Mass on Christmas Day).

"Chasons de geste," or stories of bravery, were very important in the literature of medieval France. From "geste" evolved the English "gest," meaning a brave deed. In the sixteenth century a "gest" became a mocking action. Now, a JEST is a joke.

The word CLUE originated in Greek mythology. It seems a Minotaur—half monster, half bull—was living in a labyrinth on the island of Crete. Theseus, the story's hero, volunteered to slay the monster. A Cretan princess, Adriadne, who loved him, gave Theseus a thread to guide him out of the confusing and winding passages after he had killed the Minotaur. The thread was his "clew" or guide out of the caves. Now, a CLUE is an aid in solving a mystery.

Down through the ages superstitious people have thought insanity to be related to the moon. In Roman mythology Luna, the moon goddess, was supposed to cause people to go mad. This belief was so common that such words as LUNACY and LUNATIC became parts of the English language.

In the earlier days of the Catholic Church a Samaritan sorcerer tried to "buy" from the Apostles the power to bring the Holy Spirit to those upon whom he laid his hands. His sin was condemned by the Church. This man was Simon Magnus, and today any person who tries to purchase ecclesiastical powers is guilty of SIMONY.

Sir William Herschel, a noted astronomer, discovered the planet Uranus in 1781. He named it after the Greek god, Ouranos. Eight years later, Klopeth, a German chemist, discovered element ninety-two. In honor of Herschel and the planet Uranus, he called the valuable new substance URANIUM.

advent

A—is the adoration or praise we give Our Lord in heaven, for once again He is to be born into our souls as He was born into the world on that first Christmas Day.

D—is for the days of prayer, penance, and joy in Advent. We pray that we are ready to receive Our Lord when He comes. Doing penance is that means by which we make sure we are cleansed of the stain of sin. We are joyous because of great season of exaltation drawing near.

V—means the Virgin, pure and holy, who prepared herself to be the Mother of Christ. We learn from Mary the great lesson of humility, for though she never bore the mark of sin on her soul, Our Lady prayed devoutly that she would be worthy of the great honor bestowed upon her by God. Certainly we are merely tiny reflections of her holiness; yet we do not always attempt to correct our imperfections and bad habits during Advent.

E—is the Eve of Christ's Birthday, the climax of the season of expectation, December 24. We spend each week of Advent in anticipation of the Eve of Christmas, the final day of preparation. All too often, though, we think of the fasting and abstinence offered on this day as enough penance for the remission of sins and for an increase in grace. Actually the sacrifices we make every minute of every hour are very important, because it is impossible for us to be "too pure."

N—is the Nativity, December 25, the great feast of the Church Year to which we look forward during Advent. We cannot celebrate Christmas in its true spirit unless we realize that the material aspects are merely secondary to the spiritual nature of the season. Only when we devote ourselves to making a good Advent, will we be united with Christ in a special manner on His Birthday. If we rise above the materialistic viewpoint, we will know the thrill of a greater increase in the life of God within us.

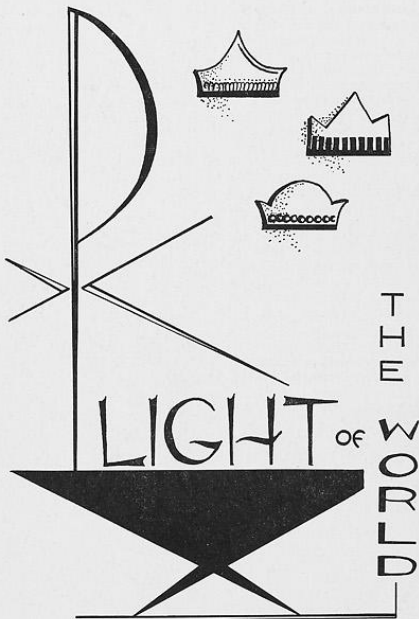
T—means the time of preparation for the coming of Christ. This is a period during which we anticipate not only the reliving of the first Nativity scene, but also the second coming of Our Lord at the "consummation of the world." Though we should always be ready to face Christ, Advent is a special preparation for that final day when we will realize the hope of salvation born into the world on that first Christmas.

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