

Interpretation Of T. S. Eliot's Poems

Two of T. S. Eliot's works, "The Wasteland," and "The Hollow Men" will be on the program of the Fontbonne Theatre Players' presentation soon after the college opens in January. The first poem will be dramatized; the second, will be interpreted orally Monday evening, January 14, at 8:15 o'clock in the arcade room.

Those participating are the following: Margaret Gunn, Patricia Cobb, Helaine McCaffrey, Kathleen Toohey, Nanciellen Davis, Roxanne Rhodes, Mary Holecck, Ann Sullivan, Charlene Alfeld, Carol Lutz, Susan Scherger, and Carol Perkins.

Students Start Annual Drive For Food, Clothing, Toys

Christmas dinner, new clothes, pretty gifts—all these and more will be a part of our Christmas this year. But is everyone as fortunate as we are? We know the answer. There are many that receive nothing on Christmas. They have no dinner; they have no gifts. How can we help these people?

Again this year the Fontbonne Sodality in conjunction with the Student Council is sponsoring a drive to obtain clothing, toys, and food for the underprivileged families. The clothing and toys may be taken to Ryan 314 at any time.

Each class will provide marked boxes in Fine Arts lounge for the food which will be collected on Tuesday, December 18, and Wednesday, December 19. Money collected from each class to provide meats for the baskets will be turned in to class student council representatives. The baskets will be delivered on Friday, December 21.

This year the Fontbonne College Alumnae Association will give all the canned goods received at its children's Christmas party to the Sodality.



Distributing Advent and Christmas Information Sheets in the Cafeteria. Nancy Gund, NFCCS Committee; Kathleen Byrne, Kathleen Pisarek, Miss Carol Keene of the philosophy department. Nancy Turner; (standing) Kathleen McKernan, NFCCS Committee; Jeanne Missey, Carlotta Smith.

Studies Foreign Christmas Customs

The Modern Language Club under the direction of Sister de Chantal has made plans for a study of the Christmas customs in the countries which have for their native tongue the languages studied here on campus.

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Curia Officers Visit Campus

Visitors from the St. Louis South County Curia of the Legion of Mary were on the Fontbonne campus last week. Mr. Elmer Helm, president, father of alumna Mary Jane Helm King; Miss Helen Guyol and Mrs. Jane Morris Etzkorn, both Fontbonne alumnae; and Miss Orsoline Chiapetta attended the meetings presided over by Sister John Amadeus and Sister Jane Elizabeth. A part of the theology laboratory, the seven Legion of Mary presidia meet every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The other divisions of the theology program are discussion groups, totaling 7, and the Fontbonne Sodality.

Advent

Anticipation is something that adds to the joy of any event in our lives. If there have been anticipation and preparation, there will be much more appreciation when the event truly arrives. A bride spends months preparing for her wedding; a great deal of excitement comes from preparation. A small child about to receive his First Holy Communion practices walking down the aisle, praying to Christ, asking for blessings. He is careful to have the right clothes ready to wear on that great day.

Advent is the Christian's time of preparation for the coming of Christ, his birth on earth, and, consequently, one of the biggest feasts in the whole liturgical year. Because of this fact, our preparation should be in a spirit of joyful anticipation.

If we look around us and see the world preparing only for the coming of Santa Claus, who belongs exclusively to children, then we should do something about this completely materialistic occupation. The more extreme this superficial attitude and activity become, the more spiritual the Christian's preparation for the coming of Christ should be. The Christmas novena begins in a few days; we should make full use of its many advantages, for at its close, Christ comes!

Special!

Proceeds from the performance of the all-college production of "The Music Man" reached a total of \$2400 profit. Among the suggestions as to how the money will be spent, one is for the purchasing of new seats for the auditorium.

Everybody says, "Thank you" to everybody who helped in the four performances.

Fact Sheets On Advent Distributed

An advent wreath is a time-tested means of helping Catholics make sure that the four weeks preceding the feast of Christmas are not merely a period of hurry to get ready materially, but rather, a period of spiritual preparation for the coming of the Saviour.

At Fontbonne, information sheets concerning the Advent wreath, the prayers for the blessing of the Christmas tree, the story connected with St. Stephen, the first martyr, were distributed in the cafeteria. On campus there are two Advent wreaths; one is in Ryan Hall foyer, in front of the Chapel of St. Joseph; the other is in the Fine Arts foyer, in front of the auditorium. Students have been participating in the prayers in Fine Arts every day at 10:50 o'clock.

Next week there will be an exhibition in the cafeteria of traditional Christmas decorations and recipes.

By Request: A Bibliography

As a result of the recent visit of Sir Arnold Lunn, noted British convert and author, to Fontbonne, students have been more than interested in his friend and contemporary Graham Greene.

In addition to his famous *Power and the Glory*, which was discussed in the arcade room last week by the juniors and Sister Margaret John, the following is a Greene bibliography: *Brighton Rock*, *Burnt-Out Case*, *Complaisant Lover*, *End of the Affair*, *Heart of the Matter*, *Journey without Maps*, *Living Room*, *Loser Take All*, *Our Man in Havana*, *Potting Shed*, *Quiet American*, *Little Horse Bus*, *Little Train*, *Lost Childhood and Other Essays*.



Class Presidents on their Way to Assembly. Senior Eleanor Holoran, Junior Julianne Lamm, Sophomore Nancy Gund, Freshman Carol Poniewaz.

St. Louis Pastor Is Club's Guest

Sigma Beta Mu is sponsoring a demonstration of a liturgical Christmas Mass, Monday, December 17, at 2 p.m. in Medaille Hall ballroom. The demonstration will be given by Rev. Aloysius Wilmes, pastor of St. Marks' parish, St. Louis, and well known liturgist.

The purpose of this "dry" Mass is to show how the congregation can actually participate in the sacrifice as did the Christians of the early ages of the Church. Those present will be asked to participate fully in the singing and offering of the sacrifice.

An invitation is extended to all students to attend this unique event.

Frosh Elect C. Poniewaz

The freshman recently elected their class officers. They are: Carol Poniewaz, president; Rita Moriarty, vice-president; Antoinette Hall, secretary; Mary Martin, treasurer.

The chairmanships for the freshman dance have been filled. The two general chairmen for the Sleighbelle Ball are Joan Bayot and Barbara Guller. The committee chairmen and their respective committees are: Susan Stockmann, orchestra; Elaine Endicot, bids; Patricia Cobb, publicity; Sandra McIntyre, decorations; Rene Ethridge, refreshments; and Elizabeth Burget, clean-up.

The first meeting of these chairmen was held December 10.

Mass, Dinner, Awards For "Music Man's" Cast, Crews

Members of the cast of Fontbonne's "Music Man" and the members of various committees offered Mass at Fontbonne on Saturday, December 1. Rev. Carl Torrence was the celebrant. After Mass the students were invited to a dinner given by Sister Mary Alfred, president, in the cafeteria.

Following the dinner, members of the cast presented a comical version of "Music Man." The program was produced and directed by Grace Svezia. After the program members of the male cast received certificates of appreciation for their many years in Font-

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Pointing to the Fontbonne Key worn by Seniors. Mary Ann Alexander, Phyllis Sullivan, Suzanne Reichardt.

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Orchids, *Ostrophytum* Now Grow In New Greenhouse

For some months now the hustle and bustle of preparation has been going on in one corner of Fontbonne's campus. The workmen have been painting, caulking, hammering, working on pipes for heat and water. Now that they have finished, Fontbonne has a new habitable greenhouse, Science Hall, southwest corner.

And what inhabitants it has! The first things that struck me were two beautiful orchids. They are *cattleyas*, the same as the "familiar" purple variety, except that they are white. Around them are deep purple "slipper" orchids.

The unusual cactus plants were what interested me the most. There are so many different kinds—a thorny *ostrophytum*, a smooth, pinkish-lavender *semp*, and a long creepy "spider" cactus, to mention just a few.

A pretty red plant caught my eye as I moved on, and I learned that it was one of the plants being used to demonstrate different shapes and colors that may be found in foliage plants.

One of the truly unusual plants found was a *boscia volubilis*, which grows out of a huge bulb that looks like a turnip. The plant itself is very long and thin with slender, graceful spikelike leaves. Over in a corner I found a passion flower and some geraniums.

Along one side is an area left free for students' use. Here

200 and 1962 A.D.

With the establishment of the Parish School Religion Program, which meets at Fontbonne or elsewhere in St. Louis every Thursday evening, we are reminded of a man whom many call "the first systematic teacher of Christian doctrine," i.e., Clement of Alexandria, who lived and worked at the end of the second century A. D. Established by the Archdiocesan Office of Education, in St. Louis, the program has as its purpose to teach lay men and women Christian doctrine so they in turn may teach the children not in the parochial schools.

Always sincere and loyal to the Church, yet not always and entirely orthodox, Clement, most probably born in Athens, made his way to Alexandria in 180. A convert, and later a student of St. Pantaenus, then in charge of the catechetical school in that city, Clement after his master's death became the head and, in turn, the teacher of Origen. Being forced to leave Alexandria because of the persecution of Sulpicius Severus, Clement died probably in Antioch before 215.

The school headed by Clement was more likely a study club, as we now know it, frequently meeting in private homes and always vigorous in its search for truth. For a long time Alexandria had been the center of an intellectual and literary achievement, since its famous libraries, the Serapeion and the Museum, were without equal. The subject matter for the catechetical school stressed not only the elementary lessons of Christianity, but also a rich and deep study of the Scriptures.

Writing before the Edict of Milan, while Christianity was still maturing, Clement has also been called an exegete of the Scriptures, because his writings contain copious quotations from the Old and New Testaments.

A famous saying from his *Protreptikos* is the following: "The all-loving Word, anxious to perfect us in a way that leads to salvation by progressive degrees, makes effective use of an order excellently adapted to education: first He persuades us, then He educates, and, after all this, He teaches."

corn, beans, peanuts, and castor beans are planted.

The plants were given to the biology department by Missouri Botanical Gardens and seem to be thriving in our greenhouse, all except for the "Fried Egg Trees" which are drooping a bit.

Visitors are welcome to the greenhouse, but I must warn you. If you feel something moving under your foot, get away before you squash the toad that has made the greenhouse his winter quarters. There are two rules for visitors: 1) Close the door behind you always; 2) refrain from coming here when your date is too broke to buy a corsage for the dance.

Modern Dance Has Workshop

A new extra-curricular activity to begin on Fontbonne's campus is a Modern Dance Workshop. The workshop, under the direction of Mrs. Henry Tobias, instructor of modern dance, is open to any interested students.

The purpose of the workshop is to encourage a sincere interest in creative dancing and to develop it enough to present a program in the spring.

The workshop will begin after Christmas vacation. The practices will be held in the gym at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday or Thursday.

Stuffed Animals' Parade Closes Fete

The annual Christmas dinner for the resident students will be held in the dining room, Tuesday evening, December 18. A formal affair, this dinner precedes the party at which the guests bring presents for poor children for Christmas.

A program will then be given in the den in Medaille Hall, after which all the stuffed animals from the students' bedrooms will be placed one on each step from the den to the mezzanine. Donkeys, dogs, snakes, cats, teddy bears, alligators, and monkeys are included in this zoo array.



"O filigree petal... Fashioned so purely... Fragilely, surely..."

Demonstrates Wrapping Of Christmas Gifts

Delta Phi members have become competent "Santa Claus' Helpers" as a result of the colorful demonstration on wrapping Christmas packages. A demonstration given by Jan Buxton, sophomore, and Janet Kelly, junior, occurred at the December meeting. Attention was focused on cleverness, originality, and neatness in wrapping and tying. Wraps and bows appropriate for gift boxes intended for both men and women were emphasized.

"Music Man"

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Special "thanks" went to Sister Alfred, for the dinner party; to Sister Teresine, production director; to Sister Mary Antone, music director; and to Miss Carmelita Schmellig, stage director.

Christmas Customs

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Time and place will be posted on the main bulletin board.

Players Push Three Events

The Fontbonne College Theatre Players have been very active this month. Their first event, at the regular monthly meetings, featured a professional beautician who demonstrated and offered advice on hair styling.

Yesterday, members attended the Catholic University Players' performance of Shakespeare's "Othello" and Moliere's "School for Wives." Given at St. Louis University, "Othello" was presented in the afternoon; "School for Wives," in the evening.

The CU players were brought to St. Louis under the auspices of Alpha Gamma Omega, honorary Catholic dramatic fraternity, of which Miss Carmelita Schmellig, director of Fontbonne's players, is national moderator. Delta Chapter, of St. Louis, is presided over by Miss Jacqueline Chellis, Fontbonne alumna.

Judith Miniac, Shirley Jahoda, Mary Beth Olyniec, and Carole Vogel, Fontbonne students, are members of Delta Chapter. Pledges from the campus include Carol Lutz, Ann Sullivan, Jean Brookover, Margaret Gunn, and Carol Jones.

A third event on the Fontbonne Players' calendar will be the sponsorship of the movie, "Red Shoes," starring Moira Scherer, Sunday evening, December 16, at 8:15 o'clock, in the auditorium. Discussion of the film and refreshments will follow.

Quips and Quotes

Lucille Meyer, a sophomore, is a candidate for the A.C.C.V.'s Queen of the Mardi Gras Ball. Let's support Lucille in her campaign.

Overheard in a Philosophy class:

Student: "Sister, I don't know what I'm thinking, but..."

Sister: "Well you are in the right place then."

Representatives, Marianne Cantanzaro, Georgeanne Moriarty, and Mary Rose Dunn attended a regional meeting of the National Student Association held at Webster College December 7-9.

"Congrats" to the Juniors for their special recognition at the Pop Concert on November 30.

Despite the "Dive for the oysters and dip for the clams" the Sophomores seemed to enjoy themselves at their Barn Dance. A special "thanks" goes to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lissart for their excellent demonstrations and calling.

The relaxed atmosphere of the Arcade Room provided an excellent setting for the Senior Private party. The Seniors and their dates enjoyed dancing, playing cards, and "just talking."

The Font staff wishes you "A very happy and holy Christmas."

a longing for home

Webster defines homesickness as "unhappiness or depression caused by being away from home and family; a longing for home." The symptoms of homesickness are tears at the mention of families, frequent calls and letters home, and a strong desire to leave the new place and to go home. This disease usually strikes girls and boys away from home for the first time, and those who are not used to being away from their families for any length of time.

Dormitories and camps are breeding ground for this disease. It is a very contagious disease; it spreads rapidly among a group away from home. But it is best not to quarantine the patient; he should receive continual doses of friendliness, cheerfulness, and comradeship. The duration of the disease depends on the courage and strength of the patient, and the conditions surrounding him. If the patient tries to get rid of the germ, the attack may last only a week. But if the patient nurtures the germ, he may never recover. There is no permanent cure for this disease; it can recur at any time. A person making an effort to adjust to his new life is least threatened by it.

This disease will strike everyone at some time in his life. There is no vaccine to prevent homesickness, but if it is properly treated, then it may be kept under control. —Freshman Maureen McLaughlin

Home Economists Hold Two Meetings

The Home Economics Club sponsored two activities this month appropriate to the Christmas season. On December 5, the members gave its annual Christmas banquet. The guest speaker was Mrs. Arthur Miller, who informed the girls about various Christmas decorations. The turkey dinner was served in the cafeteria. Margaret Bratchesend, Patricia Neeley, and Angela Marchildon, juniors, were on the banquet committee.

A home economist, from Laclede Gas Company, St. Louis, presented a program on holiday foods illustrated with slides. Cookbooks were distributed to those present. This demonstration was on December 7.



Getting ready for the Sodality Collection of Food and Clothes for Christmas Baskets are Alumna Suzanne Strecker Catlin (Mrs. Richard), her two children Brian and Sharon, Sodality Prefect Martha Holloran, and Donna Trapp.