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Faculty, Administration Confer at Rock Haven

The first of three faculty and administration conferences was held at Rock Haven during the week-end of March 29-31. The purpose of this conference was to consider reorganizing institutional structures in the small college to accomplish innovation.

To this end, the conference began with a review of the present status of Fontbonne. Two aspects were emphasized: one concerned Fontbonne's history as a liberal arts college and the relationship this bears to the increasing enrollment in the field of teacher education. The other aspect concerned present physical facilities, especially dormitory capacity. The conference group felt that because Fontbonne must draw the majority of its students from the St. Louis area, it should be described primarily as a local college.

Other pertinent areas were explored: curriculum, communication, self-analysis programs, and calendar proposals. The conference group concluded that through interaction and a mutual understanding and respect, they experienced a sense of community.

Other conferences are scheduled for next October and November. Specific dates will be arranged.

Sister Ernest Marie, Sister Ruth Margaret, and Dr. Charles Ford represented the administration. Members of the faculty who participated were: Sister Dolorita Marie, Sister Marie Damien, Sister Mary Barat, Sister Mary Teresine, Sister Paul Louise, Sister Mona Marie, Miss Genevieve Stenger, Mrs. Virginia Wells, Dr. Angelo Puricelli, Francis Kinkel, Gerald Fugate, James Seitz, and Richard Shaw.

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Administration Sponsors Forum April 24

The central administration of Fontbonne College including Sister Ernest Marie, college president, Sister Ruth Margaret, academic dean, and Dr. Charles Ford, vice-president of institutional affairs, is sponsoring a forum for all full time students. The forum is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on April 24 in the Fine Arts Theater.

The following topics will be discussed: general education requirements for 1968-69, academic calendar for 1968-69, campus parking, campus center, and significance of Title III Grant.

"The Students We Teach Today" is the forum's theme. Two quotations from Nevitt Sanford's recent book *Where Colleges Fail*, were given in explanation. "Students are sternly challenged by the world as it now is, and to face the changes we know will occur, they need a triple preparation. As future jobholders, they must be taught how to grow in their work and to meet demands now unthought of; or otherwise go its own way; and as men, to discover through the arts and humanities a perspective broader than the de-

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Fontbonne, Maryville Receive Federal Grant

The U.S. Office of Education has notified Fontbonne and Maryville Colleges that their joint application for funds under Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 has been approved.

The two colleges have been awarded, jointly, the sum of \$69,060 to improve their academic and administrative programs.

Fontbonne has received an additional grant of \$37,500 for National Teaching Fellowships.

The purpose of grants under Title III as defined in the act is to "assist in raising the academic quality of colleges which have the desire and potential to make a substantial contribution to the higher education resources of our Nation."

New SGA Officers Elected

Approximately thirty percent of this year's student body voted in the recent SGA elections. According to the officials on the committee this figure represents a drop from last year's percentage.

Margie McNamee, junior math major from Peoria, was elected president. The other candidate was Claudia Schiavone, a junior deaf education major. Voting for president extended from April 1-3.

The new SGA vice-president is Maureen Kennedy, junior. Linda Gerling, sophomore and Pam Harding, junior, were her opponents.

Sue Poland, junior, is the new corresponding secretary; Anne Morrow, sophomore, was her opponent. The students voted for the offices of vice-president and corresponding secretary on April 4 and 5.

Filing, campaigning and voting took place under the supervision of Mary Lou Radersdorf

representing the juniors, Ruth Ann Ahlemeyer, the sophomores, and Barbara Freeh, the freshmen.

Candidates for the April 8 and 9 elections were Sue Pecher, sophomore, and Sue McGuire, sophomore, for recording secretary; GSSGA (Greater St. Louis Student

Government Association) candidates were Linda Gerling, sophomore, and Debbie Downing, freshman. Sue Vachon, freshman, and Cookie Helbing, freshman, ran for SGA treasurer. The winners are Sue McGuire, recording secretary, (Continued on page 4)



Winning candidates: Margie McNamee, SGA president-elect, and Maureen Kennedy, vice-president.

Needed: A Sense of Humor

Nineteen hundred sixty eight is a year of commitment and analysis and political campaigning. Unfortunately, there is a notable absence of humor in most of these activities. The danger here is one of over-seriousness which weakens objectivity. In general, the more critical or frustrating a situation becomes, the more irreverent or inappropriate is humor considered. On many college campuses, a clever sense of humor has given way to the sensitivity or intensity of all the angry young men.

Perhaps this is an obvious or even trivial observation. But in the current political campaigning, a candidate's sense of humor might well indicate his ability to serve as president.

Frequently, the humor of political candidates is artificial. One example is the not-too-clever joke that conventionally opens a campaign speech. Or there is the backwoods humor employed by the "Man of the People" type candidate. Worst of all is the purchased and memorized humor used by the professional politician candidate to convince the public of his wholesome, all-American character.

Actually, the capacity for humor betrays superior mental powers and a sense of proportion. The sharp mind can use humor to clarify an idea, to attack an opponent, or to relieve political tension. Humor is not synonymous with lightness or superficiality. Its only indirect presence is perhaps more appropriate as the situation becomes more tense. As Aristotle noted, "Humor is the only test of gravity, and gravity of humor, for a subject which will not bear raillery is suspicious, and a jest which will not bear serious examination is false wit."

Frequently, political speakers assume an air of piety or profundity in the hope, conscious or otherwise, that delivery will somehow compensate for lack of substance or thought in their speech.

The loss of humor, if only partial or temporary, has been attributed to many things. One reason given is the increasing complexity of modern life. Fear of nuclear weapons is another answer given to the question, "Who stole humor?" Adlai Stevenson found it very difficult to reply. "I think a certain sobriety has overwhelmed us and I don't know whether it's a fault of our educations or whether it's because the lightheartedness of people has been submerged by a higher degree of prosperity."

Above everything else, a sense of humor implies a sense of perspective. Whatever objections are made to the suggestion that a presidential candidate possess a sense of humor, no one can deny the necessity of a sense of perspective. Perhaps we should even recall the old theory of physiology which explained a man's temperament by his physical humours. If this theory were accepted today, men might realize that a man's external disposition reveals something of his inner character.

C. M.

Faculty Considers Calendar Proposal, Requirements

According to Gerald Fugate, instructor in English, the faculty meeting of April 8 "essentially committed the college to meaningful innovation and a great deal of hard work."

Basically in the four hours that the faculty met they passed two innovations; the change in the calendar and the removal of the general education requirements.

The calendar proposal, to end the semester before Christmas was first on the agenda. Sister St. James Connell, assistant professor of biology, presented a position paper which was unanimously endorsed.

In order to come up with the best new calendar possible, an ad hoc committee headed by the academic dean was established.

The second proposal discussed at this meeting was the removal of general education requirements. The faculty decided (not unanimously) to drop all general education requirements.

In dropping these requirements it is hoped that the student, together with her advisor, will liberalize her own educational program.

Fontbonne Sponsors Seminar On Contemporary Israel

"Contemporary Israel" will be the theme of the Second Seminar on Israel to be sponsored by Fontbonne College on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Seminar will be held in The Lewis Room, Library.

Sister M. Alfred, professor of psychology, will open the Seminar. During the morning session Alfred Fleishman, senior member of Fleishman-Hillard, Inc., will show slides entitled "Israel--June 1967" and I. L. Kenen, editor of *Near East Report*, will speak on the historical perspectives of contemporary Israel.

After the lunch in Ryan Hall Dining Room, Dr. Herman Finer, professor of political science, University of Illinois (Chicago Circle) and Emeritus professor of political science, University of Chicago, will speak on the role of Israel in the Middle East.

Those students who wish to attend the Seminar should fill out the registration forms and return them to Sister Alfred's mailbox by Wednesday,

To the Editors:

The ills of this world will never be cured if they are not understood. Education is a means to understanding. It affords the opportunity to learn what the problems are and ways to combat them. It also places an individual in a position where he may influence others (i.e., managerial). If you really wanted to honor Martin L. King, why not have held an extra day of school?

Laurel Ruel, junior

It has always been my contention that the "Art of Wit" is to laugh with; not at.

Reading *THE FOOL* left a bitter taste in my mouth. Is the "Art of Wit" dead?

Funny Girl

Junior English major

Maryville, Fontbonne Faculties to Meet

The faculty of Maryville College will join the faculty of Fontbonne for dinner at 6 p.m., April 29, in the Ryan Hall dining room.

The dinner will give members of departments of both colleges the opportunity to discuss mutual problems and possibilities of cooperation.

nesday, April 24.

Students are also invited to attend the formal opening of the exhibit of contemporary Israeli art on Friday evening, April 26 from 8 to 10 p.m. The exhibit will be held from that date through May 5. The pieces are on loan through the courtesy of private collectors.

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Literary Magazine To be Distributed Early in May

Madeleine Meyer, senior English major and editor of the 1968 Literary Magazine, plans to have the journal ready for distribution the first week in May.

The editorial board is making its final selections from materials submitted by students. This board includes the following students: Judy Dent, Sister Annette Moran, juniors; Nancy Minnick, Laurie Schoenbeck, sophomores; Linda Stewart, Dorothy Wobbe, and Susan Schnappauf, freshmen; and Madeleine Meyer, editor. Ann Catanzara, junior, is doing the art work for the edition.

The editorial board has been meeting each Wednesday under its moderator, Sister Marcella Marie, professor of English, to consider the value of the work submitted.

The group agreed to keep the general tone of the magazine light. No research papers are included. The emphasis is on the personal experience article. However, an essay on the changes within the Church and their consequences by Teresa Cooney, junior, has been chosen by the board because of its "very warm and understanding approach to a touchy problem."

An attempt has been made to focus also on the mid-west in much of the materials. Anita Buie, junior, is currently preparing an essay on some of the fascinating aspects of life in the city of Mexico Missouri. Another local color article is on the Onondaga Cave, a famous cave about 120 miles southeast of St. Louis and is written by Sister Edwin Elizabeth, senior.

All full-time students are entitled to a copy of the magazine. Four pages of pictures of sculpture work by Fontbonne students will also be included in the 54-page magazine.

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mands of work or even the immediate society." "Innovation is encouraged neither by a denial of adult leadership nor by an effort to keep the students 'in their place,' but only by a willingness to listen to them and then to do what their actions show they need."

SGA President-Elect Optimistic About Innovations

Donna Heim

National elections are still in the offing. Here at Fontbonne we already have the results of some very important balloting: the election of the Student Government Association officers. In this interview Margie McNamee, president-elect, expressed some interesting ideas and plans for next year.

First Margie pointed out that, due to better representation of campus organizations, the Senate will be nearly twice its present size, involving at least 39 people. This will include more students and, she feels, enable the Senate to reach more people.

Commenting on the disturbing lack of communication apparent on campus, the SGA president-elect suggested that part of the trouble lies in the fact that "per-

haps the faculty and administration don't realize that the students do want to know what is taking place. We must show evidence of interest to achieve better communication."

When asked about her feelings on the problem of student disinterest at Fontbonne, Margie cited evidence that the situation has indeed improved in the last two years. She is optimistic that the new addition in Student Senate representation, as well as regularly scheduled forums to supplement the regular Student Government meetings, will increase student interest.

"Several new programs will be investigated for next year. Fontbonne recently joined the ASG (Associated Student Governments) and next year we hope to get into the full swing of its activities.

Third Lecture in Poverty Program Part of May 1 Celebrations

Plans have been announced recently for the final part of the "Poverty and Man Symposium" to be held May 1. This lecture, entitled "The Rich Nation - Poor Nation Gap," concludes a three-part program on poverty sponsored by the theology department. The speaker is Chadwick Johnson from The U. S. State Department.

Also students have organized an all-day campus celebration for May 1. According to Ginny Brennan and Sharon O'Brien, co-chairmen of this "Operation Aware," plans are now in the making for an all-campus celebration that would unify student efforts, knowledge, and talents. This celebration is to be a manifestation of the joy of Christian involvement."

The committee for "Operation Aware" hopes for the co-operation of all campus groups in the day-long celebration. Departments

are asked to decorate their doors; student organizations are requested to support the activity financially; and individual students are requested to participate as fully as possible.

In the near future, letters will be distributed that will provide more specific information.

Choice '68

Fontbonne is one of 1300 colleges and universities representing almost 5 million students who have agreed to participate in the first National Collegiate Presidential Primary. Voting is today on the first floor of Ryan Hall.

It is generally agreed that an excess of two million students will have to vote in order to give the primary validity.

Thirteen candidates, ranging on the political spectrum from far left to far right are included on the ballot. Also included are three referenda questions, two on the Vietnam war and one on the "urban crisis." The Vietnam questions, which pose alternatives to present policies, could produce the most significant results in the entire primary.

Sympathy

The faculty and students offer their sympathy to Mrs. Russell H. Frederic on the death of her husband. Mrs. Russell is a member of the Office of Public Information staff.

Through the GSSGA (Greater St. Louis Student Government Association) a number of students discounts to area stores may be obtained. And a program in which a student would be able to appeal a disciplinary decision made by the administration to a board of students and faculty members will be looked into. This board would not be directly connected to the SGA, but would function separately as a sort of judicial branch of Fontbonne."

For the remainder of the semester, Margie stated, the SGA will be busy setting up committees for the coming year. During the summer, plans will be made for a leadership camp to take place before the beginning of the fall semester. All club and class officers, Student Senate members, and standing committee chairmen will be invited.

Margie feels that the major aim next year is increased communication, accomplished through more representatives and through regularly scheduled forums in which student and faculty opinions could be expressed freely.

Three Biologists To Give Seminars On Dissertations

The biology department has scheduled three seminars that will deal with the dissertation topics of various biology faculty members. These seminars will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays, beginning with the last week of April.

First, Sister St. James, chairman of the department, will speak on "Bone Marrow Transplants in Irradiated Animals" on April 24. Sister received her Ph.D. from Notre Dame University in 1965.

At the second seminar, May 1, Dr. Jean Marx will discuss the "Mechanisms of Muscle Contraction." Presently an assistant professor of biology, Dr. Marx received her Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1967.

Mrs. Ellen Lissant, assistant professor of biology, will lecture on "The Life Cycle and Effects of Environment on the Red Alga, Erythrocladia subintegra." Mrs. Lissant is completing her doctoral studies at Washington University where she will receive her Ph.D. this June.

Theology Class Involves Faculty in Panel on Layman

At the March 26 session of Sister Agnes Patrice Sheehan's "Layman in the Church" course, Miss Rose McNamee, chairman of the chemistry department, Dr. Angelo Puricelli, assistant professor of education, and Richard Shaw, assistant professor of economics, presented their concepts of the laymen of the future.

The panel discussion indicated that there must be two distinct areas of concentration for the layman to emerge. There must be an informed, knowledgeable, and alert lay people. At the same time the hierarchy must be equally willing to "share their responsibility," as Miss McNamee said.

Sister Dorothea Receives SHAGSL Honors

Sister Dorothea Marie, director of the Speech Pathology program and the Speech Clinic, was unanimously chosen out of five candidates to receive the Honors of the Association of the Speech and Hearing Association of Greater St. Louis (SHAGSL).

The Honors are given for distinguished contribution to the profession of Speech Pathology and service to the handicapped and, since the founding of the association twenty years ago, have only been conferred three times. SHAGSL conferred the Honors on Sister at its annual meeting, April 10, at St. Louis University.

SGA Elections,

Continued

Debbie Downing, GSSGA, and Cookie Helbing, treasurer.

Filing for the posts was held on March 20-22. The eligibility of the office-seekers was then determined by the committee and announced on March 25.

A week of campaigning followed, culminating in the platform speeches on April 1.

The election committee collected the ballots in each election and had them validated by a faculty member; the committee also notified the winners and losers.

The proceedings of the election were carried out according to the revised SGA constitution.

If the layman has the know-how he should be given the opportunity to exercise his common priesthood.

Dr. Puricelli sees many laymen who suffer from despair over their plight. Basically, he blames this on the Church's process of training and education. According to Dr. Puricelli, "We are trained in the 'got to' mentality while our 'want to' mentality is neglected."

This theory of the layman of the future was made more concrete by Richard Shaw. He gave concrete examples of how his family has tried to make religion and the Church more meaningful.

Mr. Shaw told the class about the celebration of the baptism of his youngest son. Baptism after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays was not meaningful to them.

The baptism was brought into the Shaw home. After the boy was baptized, the assembled group celebrated the Eucharist together.

Two Sophomores Chosen For Library Internships

Two Fontbonne sophomores have been granted library internships by the Missouri State Library Commission for the summer of 1968. Nancy McCormick will work at the University City Library in St. Louis. Barbara Portell will have a position at the Current River Regional Library, Van Buren, Missouri.

The girls were selected on the basis of state-wide competitive applications, references, and a personal interview. The purpose of this program is to recruit personnel for libraries and to give qualified young people an introduction to the profession of librarianship through the experience of working at a good public library. Certain qualified libraries throughout Missouri were given state and federal funds to provide experience under able supervision.

Before the summer job begins, both girls will go to the state



A noon-day memorial Mass for Dr. Martin Luther King was celebrated on April 9 by Reverend Joseph Byrne, instructor in theology at the college. About 300 students gathered on the steps of the library for the Mass. Sisters from the Juniorate sang hymns with guitar accompaniment. Morning classes were suspended. The Fontbonne Mass was one of many forms of prayer offered on college campuses throughout St. Louis.

Coming Events

May 1-3 — Senior art exhibit, Mary Jon Hentrich Girard, Teresa Burkard, and Mary Ann Burkard, in Medaille Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

May 3 — Talk, "Mass of the Future" the Rev. David Thomas, St. Mary's Institute, O'Fallon, in the Lewis Room, at

1:00 p.m. Open to the public and no admission charge.

May 7 — Lecture on "Yeats: the Nature of his Poetic Greatness" by Sister Marcella Marie, professor of English, at a meeting of Friends of the Fontbonne Library, at 1 p.m. in the Lewis Room.

Spring Prom

Tahitian Paradise, the annual spring prom sponsored by the junior class, will be held at the Mayan Room of the Bel-Air East on April 26. There will be dancing to the music of Johnny Polzin from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Bids are now on sale to all classes in the cafeteria.

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