PRESIDENT OUTLINES COLLEGE STANDARDS

Mother M. Irene Points Out Cultural Benefits of a Catholic Institution.

An impressive moment in the history of Fontbonne came Tues., Feb. 15, when Mother Mary Irene, president of the college, addressed the students in formal assembly in the auditorium. Explaining that it was the custom of college presidents on occasions of that kind to talk to their students on the traditions of their colleges, Mother Irene said: "Fontbonne is too young to possess traditions. So permit me to speak to you this afternoon of standards and ideals, which, if accepted and lived up to, will be your precious legacy to the students of the future."

Regarding the educational standards of Fontbonne, Mother Irene continued: "As a college, as an educational institution of higher learning, Fontbonne’s standards should be of the highest, and it should be the aim of each student to reach and then maintain these standards. This will require earnest, intensive work. There is no royal road to knowledge. No one can become a scholar who is not willing to sacrifice pleasure and a good time when there is question of acquiring knowledge."

What does Fontbonne offer? Clayton Hamilton, the renowned critic during his recent visit here voiced the opinion of many other literary men of prominence when he said, "To you Catholics belong the heritage of all ages and of all lands. To us belong the great poets, the great artists, the great dramatists, many great musicians and many great scientists of all times and of all lands. Who is, then, better fitted to introduce you to these great Miss Bercinie Simpson, secretary-treasurer of the Junior class, who was retiring queen of St. Louis University’s Cozy-time Promenade.

Miss Helen Simon Queen of St. Louis U. Prom

Miss Helen Simon, a senior of Webster College, was crowned queen of love and beauty at the St. Louis University promenade held in the university’s gymnasium Tues., Feb. 22. Approximately 600 persons witnessed the coronation, a scene abounding in splendor and elegance. The university’s colors, blue and white, and its Billikens predominated.

Miss Bercinie Simpson, a junior at Fontbonne, reining prom queen, led the coronation procession. She was crowned in green chiffon with a girdle of sequins, and carried a bouquet of American beauty roses. The nine maids of the queen, among them, Misses Bernice Simpson, secretary-treasurer of the Junior class, who was retiring queen of St. Louis University’s Cozy-time Promenade.

PRESS CLUB HEARS DAVID F. BARRETT

President of News Bureau Interprets Ideals and Essentials of Writing.

"Accuracy and loyalty to one’s newspaper are two of the most important essentials that a good reporter should possess," said Mr. David F. Barrett, president of the News Bureau in his address to the members of the newswriting class and the members of the staff of THE FONT on Thurs., Feb. 17. "Facts are easily obtained, but it is the correct facts that count," continued Mr. Barrett. "The truth of the story should be eagerly and earnestly sought by the reporter before he writes his story for several reasons, not least of which is the avoidance of blemish. "Loyalty to one’s newspaper is a quality that should not be overlooked if one is to be a successful reporter. A reporter works best when in sympathy with the policy of the paper for which he is working. It is only then that he can adapt himself to the atmosphere of the paper, and be ready to defend it if called upon to do so."

Senior Class Announces Gala-day for College

A card party and semi-carnival attractions will be given in the gymnasium Tues., March 1, at three o’clock for the benefit of the Gertrude O’Daniel scholarship fund sponsored by the senior class. The committee are: cards, Inie Marie Kilk and Alice Beale; amusements, Genevieve McIlroy, Mary Louise Neve, Florentine Rutkowski, and Elizabeth McGarvey; refreshments, Luselle Remmers and Adelyn Cavigano.
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A Point for Anti-Suicide Club

A student anti-suicide club, recently formed in an eastern university, might more readily realize its object to discourage student suicide if it directed its activities against certain types of professors throughout the country. The types are those who tear down beautiful moral traditions under the pretense of furnishing social enlightenment, who delight in confounding the students with metaphysical enigmas, who mistreat their fellow play of amusing itself for educational procedure.

Students, in general, are a credulous group. Having come to college prepared to believe instructors, they seldom question the instruction. It stands to reason that if day after day a student's food for thought consists of matters made appealing by a surface of fine words his mind will become infected.

Dad to the Rescue

"The Font" has "Dad" on its side now, and all good daughters know what that means. Each issue, commencing with this, brings a substantial aid from the Father's Club for the well-being and success of our paper. Undoubtedly, the Father's Club is offering its kind assistance, its willingness, to back our efforts. We sincerely appreciate what it is doing for us, and extend our heartfelt thanks. Paternal love, having long been accused of loving its daughters, is again being true to itself.

How Many Are There?

It seems that the machine will never forgive itself the moment of weakness in which woman was given suffrage, nor itself in its pastime of proclaiming wherein she has "made a mess" of her privileges. Within the last month we read an editorial in The American under the caption "Are Women De-generation?" The question from a purely argumentative viewpoint seems far enough, but attached to the editorial that follows it is decidedly out of form. Why the editorial writer made a question out of what he goes to some trouble to declare, develops into a sort of mystery as the editorial is read. Perhaps, he thought the head would deserve his was written instead of believing that they were going to get a fair deal; but they do not get fair to find out that the editorial is just a repetition of what liberty, according to the masculine mind, has done to women.

Aside from the use of indefinite phrases such as certain norms, innumerable books, and some of them professors in well-known colleges, in answering the question, he also employs the small number of three examples to clinch his facts. The three he chooses deserve the criticism he gives them, but can three stand for "women?" should the three things that do classify "women," is liberty responsible for what three advocate or have not a few been guilty of the same errors before liberty was given to "women?" The facts of the editorial do not amount to half as much as the manner of stating them. The narrowness, the insinuation and unfairness of the editorial, those are the things that we dislike. It is not giving "women" a square deal.

Orchestra Organized

A college orchestra has been officially organized under the direction of Miss Marguerite Grace. The first meeting took place on Wed., Feb. 16. The orchestra will meet for practice every Wednesday at 4 o'clock. The members enrolled to date are: violin, Virginia Vickers, Vera Viscotte, Dorothy O'Brien, and Janetue Hartmann; cello, Agnes Reilly and Florence Noble; saxophone, Lucinda White; piano, Mary Cecilia Robinson and Loretto Henneley; accordian, Ruth Dougherty; drums, Clare Whalen.

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Wanted: Very high tables for those taking horse-back riding.

"Roses I send to match your lips."
"Thus wrote the love-lorn fellow."
"But alas! the thorns scaled his face."
"The roses sent were yellow!"

Somebody stated the other day that there was at one time an epidemic of inoculation in Detroit. We are wondering where else one could have the inoculations.

Dotto: Please, may I go to the dentist?
Instructor: Very well, you may go this time, but don't let it happen again.

Dottore: A student who's wise always opens her eyes. At the call to arise And to her clothes flies She can surmise That her roommate who lies Still in bed, will devise A number of "alas."

"Lost" is its size For swiping her ties...""Horses!"

The planter of the "Horse hose" has nothing to boast of. After all the nets, and discard them the class has been for the first time. It seems, to a great extent arrangement course of lessons announced by The American. Grace City, Mary Street, Stuart, Mildred Williams, Jane Tunna, Mary Colleen, Mary Anne Ali, Mary E. W. Marion, and Elizabeth all might have much better results for the net. They are about the distance.
College Basketball Squad
To Be Chosen Feb. 28

Immediately following the basket-
ball game between the freshmen and
sophomores on Mon., Feb. 28, the
college basketball team will be cho-
en. Members of the first team will
be awarded small silver loving cups
and will receive ten points toward
their college letter. Players chosen
for the second team will receive five
points toward their "P." An unex-
ceted absence on Feb. 28 disqualifies
the player from membership on the
college team.

Training Demanded

In preparation for the swimming
meet, which is expected to be held
Mar. 23, swimmers are invited to
train at the pool. Training and prac-
tice should precede, not concur
with the swimming meet.

Profiscientur

Mirabile dictu! Why not? The
Athletic Association lake has been
definitely scheduled for Sat., Feb.
28. All along the way from [stone-
son Barracks to the Dewes cottage]
there will be an opportunity to be-
come acquainted with their fel-
lowers. Only members of the
Athletic Association who have paid
their dues to the President, Clare
Whalen, will be permitted to partici-
pate in this event. Ten points in
sportmanship are available to all.

"Horses! Horses!"

The plaintive call, "my kingdom
for a horse," has at last stopped
resounding through the college corri-
donors. After all the rumors, false
starts, and encouraging remarks, a
riding class has been organized. It
met for the first time Tues., 15, at 3
o'clock at a local riding academy
where arrangements were made for
a course of lessons. The students
accompanied by Miss Marie Haus,
were Corinne Dewes, Elizabeth
Hensley, Grace Vittano, Lucille
Perry, Mary Stegem, Florence
Rutkowski, Mildred Bishop, Cath-
erine Pielan, Janetie Harman and
Eleana Muckerman. Those too tem-
trill and afraid mounted the prac-
ting steeds for their first ride, dis-
mounted confidant of their eques-
trian possibilities.

Gifts to the Library

Hydrogen Ion Concentration
(Chart), Mrs. H. Ostermann;
Piano Playing (Joseph Hoffmann);
and The Tissue. Its Production, Care
and Preservation (Miller), Wilber
Tate, The Garden of Social
Science (Armenian-Barnes-Coun-
terfield), Physical Optics and
Supervised Teaching (Blakelaw);
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gebra (Hawkes-Luby-Tonitto), New
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Literature with Readings (Long),
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Readings (Long), Constructive En-
lish (Frank R. Ball), Administration
and Supervision of High School
(Johnson), Literature of the World
(Richardson and Owen), English
and American Literature (Long),
W. P. Burgo, Biography of General
Joseph Warren (A. Robertson),
Catherine Gann, The Free-Lance
Writer's Handbook (Kennedy), The
Practice of Journalism (Williams
and Martin), The Writer's Forms
(Manly and Rickert), and A Bio-
graphical Dictionary of the Saints
(R. E. Rev. P. G. Holweck), Ann
D. Walsh. Books from other sources:
Nelna (Isabel C. Clarke); The Pear-
loring Box (Gilbert Keith Chest-
ton); Culture and Evolution, The
Higher Life, and Principle of Life
(A. Munich, S. J.); The Transformers
Time and All That We Know (May-
signor L. J. Kirlin); The Man of
Narcissus (Robert Eaten, S. J.); A
Year with Christ (Robert Young,
S. J.); Darkness or Light (Henry
Brown, S. J.); Teaspoon's Memories
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Academy Retreat Next Week

The annual retreat of the academy will open with Mass, Ash Wednesday, March 2, and continue three days ending Sat., March 4. Rev. H. F. Shemutemey, S. J., of St. Louis University, will act as retreat-master. Because of the stimulating and far-reaching effects of a retreat the students are expected to take advantage of this spiritual activity, which, although coming only once a year, carries with it a lasting and effective influence.

The schedule is as follows:
- 7:00 a.m., Mass: 7:45, Miss: 8:30, breakfast; 10:00, conference; 11:00, visit to the Blessed Sacrament; 12:00, conference; 1:00 p.m., dinner; 2:30, spiritual reading; 3:00, conference; 4:00, Way of the Cross; 3:45, Benediction; 6:30, supper; 8:45, visit to the Blessed Virgin, nightly prayers; 8:30 retiring.

Academic Seniors Entertain

The seniors entertained the juniors with a delightful Valentine party Mon., Feb. 14 from 3:30 to 5:00. Covers were had for thirty-five and most of the afternoon was spent in playing bridge and 500. The five prizes given and their winners were: first prize, Louise Currier; second, bodum pillow, Almeda Noltee; third, stealing silver lavender, Louise Seibert; fourth, bracelets, Rosemary Barry; fifth, novel. Ruth Garstang.

After the prizes were awarded the guests enjoyed a dainty tea of sandwiches, punch, fancy heart-shaped cakes, and candy hearts in clever little containers for favors.

"Rats and Fancies" Presented

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 21, at 3:30 the members of the Academic Dramatic Art Club presented "Rats and Fancies," a comedy in one act by Eleanor Bande McRae, under the direction of Mrs. O. A. Wall, Jr. The proceeds of this play were given for the benefit of the missions.

Scholarship Established

Fontbonne was endowed with its first perpetual scholarship at the opening of the second semester. The donor requested that his name be withheld.

"Grand Opera Worth While," Says B. H. Atwell

"Hearing grand opera is just like taking a beauty bath," according to Ben H. Atwell, of the Chicago Civic Opera Co., who spoke to the college students in Feb. 21. People are beginning to recognize music as a psychological force that has both an aesthetic value and a mental strengthening power. "It fills the mental cup with things that are worthwhile," formerly it was an important factor in bringing culture to the great mass of common people.

President Addresses Students

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"spirits that the Church through its educators. Need I call your attention to the glorious names that illumine the roll of honor both in art and in science-Inman, Dante, Raphael, Michaelangelo, Beethoven, Hayden, Pasternak, Mendel and others too numerous to mention. In our own day England's greatest essayists are Catholics. Right here in St. Louis resides one of the foremost scientists of the country, whose advice on scientific questions is sought by those without as well as those within the Church."

"In addition to this, Fontbonne offers to introduce the student to the choicest souls of all ages, to make them companions of the great and holy women who adorn the annals of the Church, of St. Agnes of St. Teresa and of the Little Flower, to make them children of Mary Immaculate, whom Wordsworth calls our famed nature's solitary boast, to direct their lives by the maxims of Jesus Christ, the Great Teacher, to bring them face to face with Him, their Lord and Master, not in their religious courses only, but in every course of the curriculum."

Sodality Plan Progresses

Evidence of the progress made in carrying out Father Lord's sodality plan was shown at the meeting of the sodality Thurs., Feb. 16. The meeting followed the reading of the office of the Blessed Virgin in the chapel. Alice Igoe, chairman of publicity, reported the erection of a spiritual bulletin board upon which religious items of significance to the college will appear. Charlotte Whalen, chairman of the apostolic committee, pointed out the kind of catechetical work open to college girls. A plan for a larger sodality enrollment was made by Julie Kirk, chairman of the membership committee. Vera Viscomi, chairman of the literature committee, announced that old magazines would be most welcome for hospital distribution.

Junior Won Gold Piece

Catherine Guim, prefect of sodality, won five-dollar gold piece raffled by the senior class.

Helen Simon Queen of Prom

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Florence Rainier, of Fontbonne, followed by the Conception women who essentialized them. And lastly came Miss Simon, the queen, escorted by Mr. August Peters, president of the Conclave. The queen wore a gown of white georgette trimmed with rhinestones and pearls. She also carried a bouquet of American Beauties. Souvenirs for the prom were Chap Records. The programs were Bilikens.

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