

Alice Skinner '46 With All 'A' Record Leads Honor Roll

Alice Skinner, senior, leads the semester honor roll with straight all A (3) record. This is her third semester as ranking student, according to the Registrar's records. As Prefect of the Sodality Alice also has co-curricular activities that demand much time and effort. This makes her record all the more commendable. She was elected to *Who's Who* last fall.

Other students ranking 2.25 or over are: Rita Radziolowski, senior; Geraldine McKenna, Lillian Ernestine See, and Helen Reynolds, juniors.

Mary Detlefs leads the sophomore class; and Ruth McCarthy, Virginia Peck, and Beatrice Regalia are freshman leaders.

In the Basic Professional group of Nursing Division of the College, high averages are held by Margaret Clancy, Mary Jane Elston, Gloria Marchosetti, Dolores Mudloff, and Marie Schartz.

Interracial Panel To Be Heard March 11

Following National Interracial Justice Week, the Interracial Committee will present a lecture panel on Monday, March 11. Participating in the panel will be the Rev. Robert F. McGinn, C.S.Sp., of Sacred Heart Church, Mr. Charles R. Smith, Negro attorney, and Mr. Arthur J. Droste, chairman of the speakers' bureau of the Catholic Interracial Council. Their subject will be "The Race Question and the Negro."

Individual members of the Council lectured in thirty-eight parochial high schools to a total of 12,948 students in 1945. They supplied supplementary material of literature on the question. Based on the findings of authorities in the fields of Sociology, Anthropology, and Theology, the lectures present a factual approach rather than an emotional one.

Mr. Droste appeared before the assembly during Interracial Week last year, giving an illustrated lecture on the biological phase of the problem. To a second group, he commented on the acute housing shortage of the Negro in Detroit.

The Interracial Committee's plans for the observance of the National Interracial Justice Week include a display of literature and bulletins, a special feature of which is the Committee's scrapbook on various phases of the question.

Instructor Makes Film As Teaching Aid

Sister Mary Ellen, R.S.M. of Mercy College faculty is receiving congratulations for her recent contribution to the field of nursing education. Sister planned and directed the making of a film strip entitled "The Administration of Drugs by Injection." Thirty films portray vividly the preparation of the drug, its administration, and recording. Some of the films are drawings, but most are photographs of actual demonstrations.

The film strip is published and distributed by the Society for Visual Education, Chicago. The company issues a Teacher's Manual, prepared by Sister Mary Ellen, to accompany the film.

Mardi Gras will be celebrated this evening in Mercy Auditorium.



To His Eminence

Edward

Cardinal Mooney

our felicitations

and the assurance

of

our constant loyalty



Courtesy of the Michigan Catholic

Paul Leasch To Play For J Prom April 26

The Crystal ballroom of the Hotel Book-Cadillac has been chosen for the annual J Prom, to be held April 26. Mercians will dance with their guests to the tempo of Paul Leasch and his WWJ orchestra. Dress is semi-formal.

Chairman Jean Campbell tells us invitations are being sent to faculty members and student nurses affiliated with the college. The dance is to be closed, as always, and open to students and their escorts only.

Helen Riopelle is handling the music, while Kay Charron is working on tickets and programs. Lenore Rapin is in charge of publicity; Thea Meretsky, refreshments; Ernestine See is arranging for chaperons; and Geraldine McKenna will cover the remaining prom details. Helen Reynolds is busy with invitations.

Tickets will be on sale after March 11.

Student Nurses Direct Catholic Action Projects

Posters, book displays, and reading lists have been much in evidence at Mount Carmel during Catholic Press month. The Social Life and Eucharistic Committees joined forces on this fine project.

Another commendable project, not specifically of the Sodality, has been undertaken by the student nurses. Aware of the destitution in war-stricken countries, they are putting on an energetic drive for used clothing to be sent to schools of nursing.

Tomorrow — Tomorrow

March

- 5.....Cardinal Mooney returns to Detroit
- 6.....Ash-Wednesday
- 7.....Pontifical High Mass
- 10.....Reception at Sacred Heart Seminary
- 10-16.....Vocation Week
- 11.....Interracial Panel
- 12.....Religious Ceremony of Reception
- 18.....Lecture: Catholic Action. Reverend James O'Toole
- 24.....Sodality Reception and Breakfast

April

- 4-5.....Mid-semester Exams
- 17.....Easter Recess
- 21.....Easter Sunday

Mercian Players to Give 'The Rivals' by Sheridan

Plans for the 1946 Mercian Players' production are in the making. The play, Sheridan's *The Rivals*, promises to be interesting and entertaining. It is an 18th century comedy of manners and rates as one of the finest plays ever written. *The Rivals* calls for a very definite style of acting. The scenery is simple, but the costumes are decorative and accent the character interpretation.

There has been no announcement as to selections for the leading roles, as try-outs will begin the week of March 11. The cast of characters and date of the production will be announced in the next issue of OUTER ECHOES. Miss Horton, Mercian Players' coach, suggests that students planning to try out for parts read *The Rivals*.

Sodality Reception To Be March 24

Our Lady of Mercy Sodality will admit to membership over thirty students on Sunday, March 24, the vigil of the feast of the Annunciation.

Only those will be accepted who have shown the necessary qualifications for membership. This will include a number who are being transferred from other Sodality groups.

The Reverend Arthur G. Reckinger, director of the Sodality, will conduct the ceremony of Reception immediately after Mass. Father will address the Sodalists.

A breakfast and a program in honor of the newly received members will follow the ceremony. Guests will include the Reverend Robert Burroughs and Mrs. Helen Sugnet as well as Father Reckinger.

Distribution of Ashes Opens Lenten Season

Lenten Services open tomorrow morning with the distribution of ashes in the traditional Ash Wednesday ceremonies.

Most students plan to attend regular Lenten services at their parish churches, but resident students are privileged to attend those conducted by Rev. Arthur Reckinger at the College Chapel.

The faculty and students of Mercy College extend their deepest sympathy to Professor Buss upon the death of his father, who was buried yesterday. May he rest in peace.

Proud Detroit To Welcome New Cardinal

His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney will arrive today at the Wayne County airport. Fitly, a solemn Te Deum will be sung at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, to which the Cardinal and his party will be escorted in cavalcade directly from the airport.

Cardinal Mooney, who left Detroit on Sunday, February 10, was raised to the Cardinalate by Pius XII together with three other Americans. These are Cardinal Glennon of St. Louis; Cardinal Spellman of New York; Cardinal Stritch of Chicago.

Altogether 29 new cardinals were created at the Consistory, which was a scene of magnificence and religious fervor.

Solemn Pontifical High Mass

On Thursday a solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence at the Cathedral. Sisters of Mercy will represent Mercy College at this function, which is to thank God for the great honor bestowed upon the Cardinal and the Archdiocese over which he rules.

Following these spiritual observances will be civic celebrations in which all Detroit will take part in honoring Cardinal Mooney. On Sunday, March 10, a reception will be held at Sacred Heart Seminary in order that the people of Detroit may pay their respects to His Eminence. Student leaders of the major college organizations will represent Mercy College on this occasion.

Cardinal Comes To Mercy

Students of Mercy College look forward to His Eminence's presence at the college on March 12. He will preside at the Religious Ceremony of Reception, when ten candidates will receive the white veil and the habit of Sisters of Mercy.

The student choir is preparing special music for the ceremony.

Like all members of the Cardinal's flock, the students of Mercy are eager to extend to him personally their congratulations and best wishes.

But Mercians wisely put their loyal devotion in the form of a spiritual bouquet composed of Masses, Holy Communion, Rosaries and various prayers offered for his Eminence on the three days preceding his elevation to the Cardinalate.

There was seldom an hour during the triduum that Our Lord did not see students in the chapel praying for God's blessing on their Cardinal.

American Red Cross Honors Teacher

A handsomely engraved citation from the American Red Cross was received by Sister M. Gertrude, R.S.M., of the faculty of Mercy College. Sister was one of the first instructors qualified to conduct First Aid classes in 1942, and taught large classes in this work in addition to her regular schedule.

The document reads:

The American National Red Cross to Sister Mary Gertrude in recognition of meritorious personal service performed in behalf of the nation, the armed forces, and suffering humanity in the Second World War.

It bears the signature of Herbert B. Trix, Chairman of the Detroit Chapter of the Red Cross; Basil O'Connor, National Secretary of the Red Cross, and President Truman.

Your College and You

Do you remember that first day you stepped over the threshold of Mercy College and walked for the first time into the lobby? Perhaps you set down your suit case and said, "All right, Mercy, here I am. Now you take over." You may have expected a sudden infusion of school spirit to follow the magic words. If you expected that, then you were disappointed, as you probably know by now.

You chose the college you wish to attend, and in making this choice, you pledge love, service, and loyalty. School spirit develops from love, service, and loyalty. School spirit is as a banner to be flown through the lifetime of a school.

We get out of our college just what we put into it. A college itself is what its students make it. The activities and faculty are important, but without a live and loyal student body, they cannot function properly.

If we picked Mercy as the college from which we plan to receive a degree, its reputation will be our reputation in the future years. Let us keep Mercy's reputation one of which we can always be proud. Incidentally, then Mercy can always be proud of her students and her Alumnae.

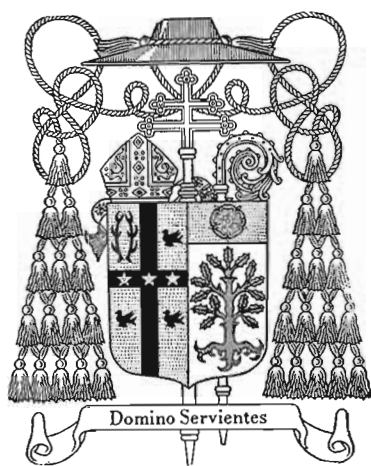
Lent and You

Again, the forty days of prayer and sacrifice draw near. As children, the word "Lent" meant to us "giving up." We "gave up" gum and candy or other material pleasures. As we grew older, we began to "sacrifice." We "sacrificed" an hour of sleep to hear Mass in the morning; and the student lounge was bare—we were spending the hour with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Lent is a period of voluntary sacrifice. Only our conscience can compel us to humble ourselves. It is entirely up to the individual. It puts our souls in splendid array to receive our Redeemer on Easter Sunday. We put lots of thought into our Easter bonnet each year; but how about the soul? We only have one soul and it has to wear from year to year. Lent is the time for a careful study and a thorough repair job on our most valuable possession. Remember—it is the only soul we're ever going to have. It is the only ticket we have to eternal happiness.

We should strive to pray harder and perform more good works; not only for our own benefit but for the welfare and well-being of the whole world. Last year the battles raged—this year we are planning peace for the world and trying to apply its principles successfully. War-weary, starving people are looking to us for the solution. The solution can only be found in prayer and sacrifice.

Coat of Arms Significant



The coat of arms of Cardinal Mooney has been somewhat altered by his new dignity. An Archbishop's coat of arms includes the green hat and ten tassels on each side of the shields. This hat is now red; and there are fifteen tassels in place of ten on each side.

The shields combines the insignia of the Archdiocese and that of the Cardinal himself.

The left, or archdiocesan portion, bears the cross of religion on which are three gold stars from the arms of St. Isaac Jogues, spiritual father of the Michigan. The antlers, too, are from his shields; but they are also symbolic of Michigan.

The three black canettes, or birds, on gold, are heraldic devices from the shield of Antoine Cadillac, who founded Detroit in 1701.

On the right, the green holly tree on silver is from Cardinal Mooney's family emblem; while the red rose is taken from the Orsini arms. The Cardinal at one time had official headquarters at the Orsini palace in Rome.

Directly above the shields are the mitre, crozier, and cross with double arms, all indicative of the Archiepiscopal dignity and rank. Below are words meaning "Serving the Lord."

Your Inquiring Reporter Reports

Your Inquiring Reporter decided to get the views of the students on the site of the UNO headquarters. Since their favorite state had no chance, there was no very decided opinion on this matter.

Your I. R. took a deep breath and tried again. What was the student opinion of British War Brides? The S. O. was very loud, very definite. Answers were varied and spirited; in fact they were dangerously warm. And since the paper upon which OUTER ECHOES is printed is highly inflammable, it was thought that these reactions would be safer on the bulletin board than in these columns.

Ash Wednesday is coming! "What is the best Lenten practice for college girls?"

Rita Archambeau: We should give up whatever is our favorite pastime. In my case it's eating between meals. That's TORTURE!

Blackie Bush: Whatever is hardest for us to give up is the thing to do.

Lenore Rapin: They don't have to give up anything. All we should do is practice the daily six.

Mary Jean Foster: I think girls should attend Mass and Holy Communion every morning.

Helen Reynolds: It's not what you give up—it's the extra things that you can do.

Jean Ann Livernois: I think we should give up what we like best.

Barb Thourlby: There are two things we should do. Go to Mass and Holy Communion every day and give up something which we like.

Betty Weaver: Let's make one good resolution—and live up to it.

Janet Sawka: I think we should add on one good practice.

To St. Joseph

(March 19)

Were you proud to show Him
To shepherds and to kings?
Did you handle clumsily
His tiny, baby things?

Did you make to please Him
That first prized toy,
Did you tell Him things you did
When you were just a boy?

Did your hand upon His head
Rumple His young hair?
Oh, Saint Joseph, were you not
Like fathers everywhere?

S.M.G.

The Bittle Thory Of the Lee Fares

Fun wine day ben Mrs. Whear dus wooing her washing, wittle Beddy Tear out came and down sat to mother his watch. The shun was sining and the sirds were binging (Crosby) and Teddy helt very fappy. His mother huz wappy, too, and she tarted to sting. This was her song:

Super soods, supper soods, mots sore luds with supper soods,

Licher, wonger tasting loo, they're the soup with supper dew.

Bother Fare came out the house and down sat in the tade of the shee. He said, "Brother Mare, let's woe for a gawk. It's dutch a nice say."

Mrs. Ware fiped her wace with her apron. See ceeded to let supper soods and duz fight it out with her washing, and go for a walk.

Thoon the sree of them were walking rown the doad, their larts hite because the soaking was washing, the soap for sooper was steating on the sove, and a deasant pay opened before them.

In the meantime, a gittle blond lural acame long and haw the souse of the stree hares. She curled her pretty toss and up-walked the path to the door. Teeing bired, she sat down in a chair. Boo tig. She tried another. Moo stall. Then another. Rust jight. See shelled the soap then, and it gelled smood. She campbelled it and said it must be Sip's seacial spoop. She sat in another chair down and oh! it part afell. "Well, if my name is Loldygocks, they bought this at Sam's." Lee shooked out the dinwoe and who was coming but the bamily. Little Goldilocks giled gischievously. This was one time the turn would worm. She gunned her raise in aimful care.

Bother fare, Bother mare, and Beddy tear lay happily ever after in place of the firefront in Goldilocks Goodey's housepent.



Begorra, the Irish are light-hearted. They'll dance and they'll sing on the feast of their patron saint.

But they'll be even lighter-hearted, and they'll sing louder, begorra, if they've attended Mass on St. Patrick's Day in the Mornin'. Begorra.

From the Copy Basket

The Day Student's theme song nowadays is "Let's Take the Long Way Home."

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Thursday afternoon could appropriately be called "All Quiet on the Western Front" at the dorm.

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A big question faces Mr. Buss's Biology class. Will Mary Jane Dunn give Mr. Buss that Pepsodent smile?

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It won't be long before "Pookie" and Peggy have their room completely air-conditioned with southern exposure.

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Is it really a skeleton in Rita Mulqueen's closet? Still, skeletons don't breathe so loudly, or do they?

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Mr. Buss claims Pinky Woodworth is sharp, but her pencils aren't since she has to run to the pencil sharpner at least five times during one class period.

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Won't be long now 'for Easter vacation, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and "Aren't You Glad You're You?"

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Watch for Lucy Howland and her "charges" loading into the street-car for the Art Museum.

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Have you heard the giggling from the studio as the radio acting class "improves" upon the ageless play of Sophocles?

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Jean and Mary Ann Campbell are spending all for a jump to New York via American Airlines. Feast today; famine tomorrow, but it's so much fun.

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Has Ruth McCarthy been harboring a twin? Ask the faculty.

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Rose Marie Valliere, Room 108 McAuley Hall, is recovering from a slight cold. Please omit flowers!

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There may be a stocking shortage, but the girls at Residence are all sporting NYLONS.

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Some lucky one at Residence Hall has in her possession six pairs of 51 gauge hose. Shipped all the way from Kansas City.

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Elaine Hart, nee O'Neil, is back in Detroit looking very much like the sun-worshipper she is. Another cute housewife home from Florida.

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Mary Kelley, nee Eckhout, will arrive midst the tall buildings any day now. Following in her wake will be discharged Air Corps husband, Johnny.

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Catholic University sends word that our Janie Behen, ('45) is deep in Social Work, but looking eagerly toward the trip home in June.

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Rosemary White ('46) dropped in to visit the other day. Her diamond is a good explanation of her sighs for the coming of June.

Alarm Clock Blues

What is it that brings us to our senses every morning?—that ends our romantic dreams or hysterical nightmares and opens the way for a beautiful new morn? Whether it be a mechanical device wound up the night before, or a barn yard cock instinctively aroused by the rays of the sun, the purpose is the same. Yes, come cock or clock, we must all face the hour of judgment every morning.

I guess we can just about call the clock a preacher of righteousness, for it is the morning when our eyes refuse to open that our best resolutions are made. Before throwing your precious foot wear at the shrilling noise maker, analyze the case and see who really deserves the shoe.

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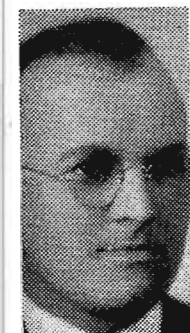
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Science Strengthens Faith Says Professor Buss

The time was Friday forenoon. The two OUTER ECHOES editors stood outside of the Biology lecture room. They opened a notebook and studied their subject matter:—Professor Leo E. Buss . . . has taught Biology at Mercy since 1942 . . . has established a reputation as a fine teacher and a generous friend to students . . . also teaches at University of Detroit.



Leo E. Buss

At that moment the 11:55 bell rang. The door flew open and out came fifty freshmen on their way to the cafeteria. When the last freshman had cleared the doorway, the two girls slipped into the room. Professor Buss was erasing a well-filled black board.

"How long have you been teaching, Mr. Buss?"

Professor Buss turned and studied the two editors, then the distance to the doorway. He sighed, answered, "I have taught for 20 years."

The editors looked triumphant. "What subjects have you taught in those 20 years?"

Mr. Buss smiled and began to enumerate: "Latin, Chemistry, German, English, and several branches of Biology."

Feeling that the interview was well under way the editors continued, "Do you enjoy teaching, Mr. Buss?"

Mr. Buss looked skeptically at the editors. "Even to attempt to be successful in any field one must love his work. The fact that I taught during my junior, senior, and graduate days at the University of Detroit is ample proof of my interests and love for my work."

"What do you believe to be the qualities of a good student?"

"A genuine student is one who may be recognized by an absorbing desire to know the truth, an unswerving steadfastness in its pursuit, and an open, honest heart free from suspicion, guile, and jealousy."

"Can you give us a common cause for failure in college?"

"Lack of ability to concentrate is one of the greatest causes for failure in college. Many fail to stick to one thing long enough to become good at it. Students must have the power of perseverance."

"Do you think that scientific training tends to weaken one's faith in God, and thus undermine his religion?"

"Emphatically, no. The opposite is often true. I'll bring you a poem to prove this point."

Sophomore To Be Air Line Hostess

Isabel Dunn left in late February for Kansas City where she will train to become an Airline Hostess on the T. W. A. Airlines.

Isabel formerly held the offices of Secretary on the Student Council and social activities chairman of the sophomore class. She took an active part in the Mercian players and the NFCCS.

Her friends at Mercy are certain that Isabel will be a charming and capable hostess, for they know her delightful personality and her capacity for work.

At this stage of the interview the clock gave the 12:15 signal—Lunch-time—Professor Buss, picked up his briefcase and started for the door. The editors managed to catch the last words of his interview . . . "Would you mind finishing the black board for me, girls?"

The Scientist and the Bug

A scientist looked at a bug
With his keen, microscopical eye
And he said, "What I see is a lesson to me
That I'll never forget till I die."

For the infinitesimal bug,
Whether taken in part or in whole,
From whisker and feeler to smeller and squealer
Was under one central control.

Such unity built in a bug!
The scientist pondered and then
"If God will do that, for a flea or a gnat,
Would He plan with less wisdom for men!"

"Would He fashion a Church for us here
Through which all His blessings might flow
With a unity less than this bug's I confess
That there's no other answer but NO!"

So the scientist led by the bug
Started off on a diligent quest
For a unified church—and in all of his search
Only one measured up to the test.

And today people ask him, and smile
When he answers their questioning shrug
And says in reply, "'Tis a fact, sir, that I
Was led into the Church by a bug."

Sodalists Plan March Symposium

Under preparation for the March meeting is a symposium in honor of Our Lady. Rose De Francesco as chairman will speak on the titles of Mary found in the Litany of Loretto. Rita Mulqueen, Geraldine McKenna, Mary Jean Foster, Virginia Peck and Beatrice Regalia will discuss certain titles more fully. A tribute in poetry will be the contribution of Marilyn Bannan. Janet Sawka and Therese Brogger will present vocal selections.

In keeping with its reputation as one of the most active committees on campus, the Commission on Decent Literature observed Catholic Press Month and Catholic Home Week with displays of literature and bulletins.

Hoping to finance two Sodalists' enrollment at the Summer School of Catholic Action, the Sodality will raffle a ten-dollar Hudson gift check this month.

Collegians Enjoy Informal Dance

Big names make news, and when Collegians dance to the music of "T.D.," Sammy Kaye, Vaughn Monroe, and listen to vocals by "The Voice" and "der Bingel," all in one evening, that is news indeed. Mercy's Juke Box was in session last Friday night, and as it was Washington's birthday, I cannot tell a lie. Everyone had a wonderful time. One ecstatic freshman sighed, "I've never seen such a stag line. Isn't it heavenly!"

Bernice Arcaris, Gerry Cotter, Rose DeFrancesco, and Mary Detlefs were in charge of arrangements; they were assisted by a few volunteers. The purpose of the dance was to raise funds to give awards to Mercy's basketball team.

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Making J Prom Plans



Jean Campbell, Chairman of the J Prom, scheduled April 26, consults John Dolan about dance numbers.

Susie Goes Window Shopping

By Jean Campbell

Zoom! The bus stops. Bump—ouch! Susie was swept from the bus with the other seventy-five passengers. She already had bruised feet, but hers was a determined resolution. Susie maneuvers toward the right store windows. Her black eyes dance when they focus on a rich, dark brown suit, minutely styled, and set off by matching gloves and a cloche hat in that shade of burnt orange. The snowy white blouse with the glistening, musical notes here and there puts Susie in a wonderful, melodic mood. The new platform shoes complete the outfit from head to toe.

The neighboring window is a world of breath-taking colored prints blending into spring dresses that are dreamy creations. Black, blue, or brown provide the setting for shocking pink, lemon, strawberry, peacock blue, or maize and white flower patterns. Winged, cap sleeves and round neck lines give dresses a dainty crispness. What could be as cute as those matching bits of hats, or the large, dreamy, straw ones that produce that Sunday school look? Susie sighs at the thought of her new Easter bonnet!

The model in the adjoining section is ready to step out for an evening of bliss in a dress softly draped. It is lilting apricot shade, accented by a sparkling black crown

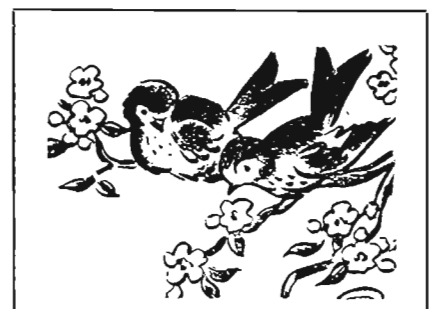
perched in the midst of her curls . . .

Weariness and her tired feet are forgotten as Susie stands, fascinated at the sight before her. Glamor, and exotic-sweetness are molded into one dress. Susie shuts her eyes. She is a fairy princess in a cloud of white . . . orchids . . . diamonds . . . the Prince himself . . . Susie opens her eyes. The dress is still there, but Susie's heart is in Fairyland.

When Duty Meets Appetite

To eat or not to eat—that is the question; Whether 'tis nobler for the stomach to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous appetite, Or to take leave of one's experiment to eat . . .

This is the problem of the students taking Qualitative Analysis 10:00 to 12:00. Quickly the girls who have not finished their experiment make a decision. They will not eat!



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John M. Haffert Lectures at Mercy

"If the world is consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, Russia will be converted and there will be peace," said Our Lady at Fatima in 1917. As John M. Haffert described the scene of the Apparition and repeated Our Lady's promises to her clients, the hushed attention of his audience was proof of their interest.

Mr. Haffert is editor of *The Scapular* and author of several books on the subject of devotion to Our Lady. Best known is *Mary in Her Scapular Promise*.

There is little doubt that his listeners will remember the talk, "Russia Will Be Converted," which Mr. Haffert delivered at the student assembly, January 14. The increased use of the scapular by Mercians is proof of the effectiveness of his message, the words Our Lady said when giving her scapular to the world, "Whosoever dies in this shall never suffer eternal fire."

Parish Players Entertain Mercians

What, no arsenic? No, a thousand times No. There was fun, romance, laughter and tears, but no trace of arsenic in the production of "Lavender and Old Lace" staged for a Mercian audience February 5 by the members of the Precious Blood Parish Little Theatre.

The play was later presented for the general public in late February at the Post School. Music was furnished by the parish orchestra.

New Instructors Join Mercy Faculty

Sister Mary Gertrude, R.S.M., has returned to Mercy College as one of the science instructors. Students who knew Sister when she was here two years ago are delighted to welcome her back. Two other new instructors are: Mrs. Frank Jagunich, who is in charge of home making, and Mrs. William T. Payne, who teaches trigonometry.

Student Makes Chart

Miss Donna Lund, who is studying to be a medical technologist, has made for laboratory use a very fine set of charts. These are 17 by 22, carefully drawn in India ink, to show bacterial growth in various media.

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NFCCS Plans Spring Activities

At the last Regional Council Meeting of the NFCCS held at Marygrove College February 16, a provision was made for the holding of an annual meeting for Commission Chairmen in this Region.

It was decided that beginning next year, in addition to the regular fall Congress, a Commissions meeting would be held early in the second semester for commission leaders in each member college, Mary Manse, Toledo; Siena Heights, Adrian; Marygrove, University of Detroit, and Mercy of Detroit. The purpose of this meeting is the exchange of workable ideas between leaders.

The vagueness surrounding inter-collegiate commission work has been a problem; but it is believed that this new set-up will take care of the matter satisfactorily.

Marygrove will publish the next issue of the *Contact* in April. The deadline for news articles is set for April 5.

Father Reckinger, Regional Chaplain, presented a message concerning Brotherhood Week. The college students were asked to appear at the various Detroit theaters during the week to pass out leaflets after the showing of a special Brotherhood Week motion picture.

An investigating committee made up of Rosemary Fitzpatrick, of Marygrove, Margaret Paquin of Mercy, and Richard Gibbs and Leo Meiler of the University of Detroit was appointed to look into the possibility of a Detroit Regional Dance in the spring.

Representing the Detroit Regional Meeting of the NFCCS in Chicago in April will be Lois Hammond, Siena Heights, and Richard Gibbs, University of Detroit.

The next meeting of the Council will be at Siena Heights early in April.

New Semester Brings New Students

Twenty-six new students entered Mercy College at the semester. Some are transfers, some former students are back, and others are beginning their college work. The new names are: S. M. Alphonse Bart, C. Battle, M. Caceres, S. M. Charlene Curl, M. Curran, R. Dowd, M. Ellyson, R. Fox, M. Grube, M. Happle, V. Johnston, W. Krajac, D. LaLonde, D. Lawrence, L. Lentz, J. Madigan, S. M. Carlos Orlando, R. Perkind, B. Reicher, E. Ressler, H. Riopelle, R. Urschaltz, M. Vickers, L. Volio, B. Wing, and L. Wittel.

Father Weitzman, S. J. Gives Memorable Retreat

"Reason, Realize, Resolve." We learned our scholarly three R's in grade school, but our spiritual three R's were presented to us for the first time by Father Leo Weitzman S. J. at the Mercy College annual retreat, January 30 to February 1 inclusive.

The stressing of this simple theme throughout the retreat made retreatants conscious of the best attitude to take in order to profit the most from the retreat.

Remember the Flour Shortage



Margaret Paquin reads the recipe for Lucille Howland under the supervision of Mrs. Frank Jagunich, Instructor.

The Way to a Man's Heart Is Harder Than You Think

Realizing I'm not getting any younger (this fact hits me especially around exams); and not being deaf to the many remarks passed about my "cakes with the middle-aged slump," I decided my "backers" would like to see me emerge successfully from the world of measuring cups and pans, instead of staggering defeated from the kitchen!

Our first lab! Breakfast! Eagerly I sectioned the grapefruit and began slicing the oranges. Oops. My pet finger-nail lay helpless beside the peel. Scotch-tape to the rescue. NOTE: long nails do not belong in this world. Now the coffee. "But—but—but a tablespoon seems so small for one cup, and the coffee shortage is over." On to the eggs. Poached eggs. A little water in the pan, a dash of salt, now break the egg into the water—break the shell, not the yolk. Try again. Success! Serve on buttered toast. But where's the toast. Who ate it? "My dear, poached eggs are soft. You are not boiling potatoes. Please watch the time." Breakfast.

"Never say die." Girls, we're going to prepare salads today. The secret of attractive salads is color. The lettuce-leaf cups the fruit. A crisp, tasty salad brightens the table and refreshes the entire meal." We were fixing our first lunch. The chicken a-la-king was nearly ready. Time for the Jello salads. Hot water quickly sweeps any particles of earth from the head-lettuce. It also sweeps all the crispness. I invert-

ed the moulds of jello. Splash! Something went wrong. "Too much water. Read the directions carefully." Oh well, Non's a-la-king was good, and I wasn't very hungry anyway.

Painfully, my thoughts wander back to supper. The peas were "old men," and the baked potatoes didn't exactly look like the "skin you love to touch." The steak closely resembled char-coal, while the peach-cobbler smiled sadly from the dish.

The doctor says I will be on my feet in a few days. "If once you fail, try again." Again, I will invade the kitchen, only this time, the cook won't taste her cooking.

Cherries Are Not Ripe, But—

"Loveliest of trees, the cherry now Is hung with bloom along the bough And stands about the woodland ride Wearing white for Eastertide."

Easter is still a long way off, but the cherry blossom has already made its appearance at Mercy.

Have you passed by the Bacteriology Lab lately? You'll find a surprise waiting for you if you look in. After a little coaxing on the part of Sister Mary Gertrude and some help from Mother Nature, cherry branches have burst forth with a host of fragrant white blossoms.

They are proudly displayed on the window-sill for all of us to see. When you get tired of winter take a peek into Sister's Laboratory.

Basketball Gains Popularity With Mercian Players

Bowling has its loyal fans, but basket ball is still the most popular winter sport among Mercians who prefer to take their winter sports indoors.

Under the fine leadership of Coach Ella Gnida, the eleven Mercians practice regularly and represent their college in competitive league games.

Forwards are: Agnes Kovak, Virginia O'Leary, Marie Bush, Jean Livernois, and Margarita Noltenius. The guards are: Mary Detlefs, Rose DeFrancesco, Geraldine Cotter, Margaret Paquin, Beatrice Regalia, and Janet French.

Young Violinist Presents Fine Program

Miss Betty Anne Fischer, young Canadian violinist, entertained Mercy students and guests, February 11, in the college auditorium.

Miss Fischer, who has played with the Toronto Symphony and Conservatory Orchestras, was accompanied by Mrs. A. Chuhaldin, wife of her teacher.

Included in Miss Fischer's selections were:

- "On Wings of Song"....Mendelssohn
- "Caprices No. 13 and 20".....Paganini
- "The Girl with the Flaxen Hair".....Debussy
- "Capriccio—Valse"Wieniawski
- "Siciliano and Regandon"....Kreisler
- "Meditation"—ThaisMassenet
- "Caprice A Minor".....Wieniawski

As an encore she played the familiar "Song of India."

Betty Fischer first started playing the violin at five years of age. She gave her own recital six months later, and astounded music critics with her fine musical ability and technique.

A Lady Receives a Valentine

Sodalists at Mount Carmel offered a triduum of Masses and Holy Communion to Our Lady as a Valentine. A large Valentine bearing her picture was circled with small hearts on which the girls' names were written.

Henry Ford Hospital 24—Mercy College 12

Our cager squad faced their first game at McMichael's School gym January 10. The Mercians, dressed in white, put up a rugged fight but lost 24 to 12.

Providence Hospital 12—Mercy College 20

"Our girls in white" faced opponents again January 17. The clock stopped in time to register the score of 20 to 12 leaving Mercy College victorious. Nice going, team!

Grace Hospital 11—Mercy College 4

Against an undefeated team Mercy College put a "tuff tussel" till the end, but the basket was too small for "our" ball, leaving the score 11 to 4.

Deaconess Hospital 13—Mercy College 13

Through the cold wintry night the basketeers trudged to McMichael's on February 7th. Screams and applause were heard as Jean Livernois saved the game by tying the score 13 to 13.

Providence Hospital 11—Mercy College 27

With a score 7 to 8 at the half, favor of Providence, Mercy players came back to gain 20 points while their opponents gained only three. The final whistle on February 21 found the score 27 to 11.

Sodality Joins C. C.

Father Lord, you can count on us! We are members of the Century Club.

That statement means that Mercy College Sodality has sent to Sodality Headquarters, St. Louis, Missouri, a check for \$100.00 to pay for one hundred cubic feet in the Sodality's new building.

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