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Noted British Psychologist Will Address Next Assembly

British psychologist and lecturer Vera D. Denty will present the problems of "The Individual and the Community" at a student convocation Feb. 25. Miss Denty's professional observations on pressing subjects, including mental health and psychological factors within the life of the Church, have earned her an invitation both here and abroad.

Miss Denty received her B.A. degree in psychology and her graduate degree in child psychology from the University of London.

At the time she had completed her psychological training, war broke out, and Miss Denty found herself in intensive work at the London Child Guidance clinic. She took over the training of its Child Development Students. At the same time she conducted psychology courses for parochiarchs is one of London's leading parishes.

At present, Miss Denty is available for regular consultations at the offices of two doctors. In addition, she cares for her own patients. She will be lecturing in the United States this year from January until March.

Miss Denty is a member of the Medical Section of the British Psychological Society, the National Association for Mental Health, and the American Catholic Psychological Association.

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Proceeds from the event will benefit the Edgecliff building fund and the Georgetown scholarship fund.

Eligible club has sixty-five members.

Theme for the decorations will be "Festival of the Fountain."
Season of Mortification

"Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish." A season of mortification and denial may be contrary to what modern-day psychologists recommend for a well-balanced individual. They cry that too much denial may produce a warped individual, a neurotic. Is the Church, therefore, in designating this period of forty days before Easter called Lent for the practicing of penance? Rather, as she has used the word for her Founder for almost 2000 years, the Church is guiding us wisely to adjust to a temporary external fence-off with an eternal, heavenly one, and to fulfill our basic needs of reparation for sin and sanctity. The sacraments are our tranquilizers and prayer is a joyous escape.

If ever the people of an age needed strengthening by mortification, it is those of our age. The easy accessibility of food, clothes, and luxuries is making mortification an off-putting force for many individuals. The lesser good or the evil is constantly continuing, thus forsaking our eternal welfare. The struggling, impoverished classes substitute evils for inascesible good. The rationalization of evils approaches universal acceptance. We are ignorantly but willingly sucked into the current of self-satisfaction and indulgence.

In the last laws, the Church is not demanding a radical change in living habits which will effect a breakdown in an individual. Rather she is enforcing, like an understanding guardian, a rule of moderation; she is suggesting a spirit of slight suffering for reparation in sin.

In addition to her laws, there may be other worthy sacrificial work to be done. According to each one's station, habits and temperaments. A student might "give up" distractions to study, limit entertainment, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion more often and strive for charity at home and as school. She might strive also to abolish unjust criticism and petty motives and to express kindness and consideration toward others. Pray and meditate! Prepare, as Christ did, the Sower, for the joyous proclamation of His divinity. Be not gloomy, but live Lent in the light of love.

The Book Beat
by Marilyn Rikfin '60

Lent was almost over. Thomas Merton, a professor of English literature at St. Bonaventure College, and a recent convert to the Catholic faith, was riding a train to New York City from Detroit. "...Gethsemani, and a Holy Week Retreat with the Trappists.

Stopping overnight in Cincinnati, the traveler had a chance to make some careful observations of our city. These observations are recorded in a journal which he kept, and which has just been published as The Secular Journal of Thomas Merton.

Visits Cincinnati

What did Merton find in Cincinnati? He stayed in a room on the third floor of the Hotel Parkview, overlooking the statue of General Garfield. He walked through the streets past the Old Vienna Mills, The Restaurant, the Band G, the Canterbury, The Plaza Julep Bar, Wiggie’s Bar which was very "drowned and beery.

He liked the Terminal, the Cincinnati club, St. Francis Xavier church, a bowling alley, the Grotto church on Eden at just beyond Vine at Cincinnati was full of scintillating go-go dancers. Southerners, old houses—some distinguished, others dilapidated, but all with pleasant charm and character.

Best City

Merton liked Cincinnati better than Buffalo, Erie, Columbus. Cleveland, New York, Benton, Washington, Boston and Manhattan. In fact, he writes, "Cincinnati is the best city I have ever lived in—American... Fountain Square, the Carew Tower, the atmosphere, the attitude of the people."

All of this was written eighteen years ago, seven years before Thomas Merton, as Father Louis, wrote The Seven Storey Mountain. From now on he began his series of spiritual gems, Seeds of Contemplation, No Men Need Apply, The Living Bread, etc. Merton was 24 or 24 then, just beginning to realize who he was, just beginning to break off into a world of art and music and literature, which appealed to him and at the same time distanced him.

Light and Serious

His style is rambling, confounding, colloquial and hasty. But it is a diary and we don't expect any labor-worlde-attempts at perfection. Instead, we appreciate his use of slang, his jokes with his friends, his talk about the draft board and the college boys, his trip to Cuba, and even his violent toothache. Although he is always chatty, we discover the seriousness of his viewpoint, and we can already see some of the principles of his spiritual identity stuck in there and there’s no discovering the principles on which he later built his books.

People and Places

At Gethsemani he writes about charity as a disinterested life, and about knowing his true identity, about humility, love of self, about acceptance.

In Cuba he writes about the failure there, in a commercial sense, of Mother’s Day, and about the physical appearance of Havana and the mountains. He writes about Chaucer, and Wordsworth and Dylan Thomas, and about American women weeping military insignias all over their clothes, and people talking about “fifth columnist” and “Iousy Nazi.”

Inside Information

Merton was a modern man, living in the same world as we, facing the same problems and questions of daily living as we do. His views on art and books and society are modern views. His books are sophisticated, but at the same time he is simple and humble, realizing who he is in God’s sight, and accepting the world. His fans will welcome his journal as some “inside information” on the evolution of Thomas Merton into a Trappist monk.

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Cuba’s New Year’s resolution to rid the nation of Castro was as short-lived as a New Year’s resolution. After years of preparation and gathering up to a peak, the revolt into a mob, which began with no coup at all, brought about the downfall of the Trappist dictatorship of General Batista.

Since then, the rebel leader has been met with defeat, arrest, and in some cases, death and high praise by others. We should be cautious of making confounding opinions? To most North Americans the idea of revolution is not a new idea, and most have despaired when they have accustomed themselves to a larger ruler or regime in cruel and unjust.

U.S. Views

To the average American it seemed that Cuba, under Batista, flourished economically and socially. Apparently there was little to worry about. Certainly there was not any interest. What nation does not have problems that have to be tried? Periodically, Castro would cause a stir by capturing and holding himself or his followers. These说不定, but eventually they were released, harmonized with no derogatory words of their treatment, of him or his followers. Surely this is not the same Cuba anymore — the bookstores—there was no need for reparation.

However, Dec. 31 proved how superficially North Americans think of Cuba. Their friends and neighbors. The siege of Havana, the nation’s capital, by Castro and members of the former government headlined American newspapers. People have been riding throughout Cuba assumed a gigantic role—the role of a small nation. The larger powder keg, Castro, who had been represented as a fogive visionary, was now a fact to face—no longer a b e a r e d foe, but a serious opponent of the mountains, but an important factor in the future of this hemispheres.

Take Second Look

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nism, or is he a gateway to a disregard of the background of the lottings in Havana and the circ­

umstances of the lottings, all of us. Is he, is he as fact as seen as in the past, or has he re­surgence for us All Latin America? The wiser heads in the American press now are taking a long, second look at this remarkable young man, and the look is now more reassuring than was their first impression.

The sensible attitude of Bob Considep, paraphrased here from his syndicated column, seems to be the present trend. 

"Wait and see. Give Castro a chance. Give Communist. he may even become a tremendous feat in anti-Communist realizations. Americans with superficial notions don’t push him into a hostile attitude.

Congratulatons

Miss Margarita Cossio, in­

scribing in the University de­

partment of the college, is among the hundred Cus­

dian Students Association. The recently released "Who’s Who in Latin America" lists Cossio. Across the nation there are more than 50,000 women active in business, civic life, education, and other fields who are listed in this first book devoted to the American woman.
The Arts and Us

by Georgia Kunenkoomer '59

The beginning of the New Year in Cincinnati was cer- tainly a delight to the theatre world. Seventy-six trombones came marching into town bringing Forrest Tucker as the "Music Man" of the road company.

Just how such a production could make a hit on Broadway is not so much a mystery if you saw this charming musical. Spon­ taneity was its nucleus. The score was more catchy than memorable, but a perfect compliment to the dialogue. The action and movements appealed superb direction. The "Music Man's" sparkling freshness and (New York rarity) purity of plot have made it one of the most successful productions since "South Pacific.

The Mummers Guild at the University of Cincinnati produced "The Boyfriend," a mildly successful musical done in the light­some razz-a-ma-tazz of the Roaring 20's. The boop-a-dooping proved to be great fun for cast and audience but makes one wonder: Why does U.C. always have to do the just off-Broadway productions and never take a chance on something experimental or an older show?

The Silver Screen adjusted its slogan, "Movies are Better Than Reality," and two of the greatest characteristics of real­life veterans, two of the great­est caricatures ever writ­ten. Spencer Tracy appeared in "The Old Man and the Sea" and gave Ernest Hemingway's char­acter the essence of dramatic perfection.

Roz Russell gave "Auntie Mame" all the color and mad­cap glory of the crescent moon, but she was truly believable in the role.

Mail orders are being accepted for "My Fair Lady" beginning Apr. 20.

Five Students Receive Scholarships

In Edgecliff's Competitive Exams

Girls from twenty greater Cincinnati Catholic high schools and academies and schools in other Catholic-related colleges throughout the United States which are re­ceiving help from a govern­ment-sponsored Student Loan Fund established under the National Education Act of 1958. Edgecliff received a federal grant of $5,300 to operate the loan fund in the second semes­ter.

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Special Edition Rates Scoop-News of 1970

The Edgecliff staged a "scoop" recently.

The Feb., 1970, edition came "off the press," reporting a stu­dent enrollment of 5,000, a new wing to the college science build­ing, a sales tax drive that enabled the music department to obtain its fifteenth grand piano, parking accommodations able to handle all cars "but private planes still prohibited until further notice," and a pageant to be attended by 4,000 in the new auditorium.

The front page reporting all this "news" called attention to a special message inside the hand­compiled edition in honor of the feast-day of Sister Mary Vir­ginia, R.S.M., dean of the college. The message stated: "All Edge­cliff wishes you a Happy Feast today, in 1970 and always!"

Fraulein Roso Studies In United States

For Social Work in Native Country

"Friedlichtehn" (friendliness) is the word in Bernhild Roso.

Edgecliff's newest student from Germany has won the hearts of faculty and students. And herself she finds Cincinnati a faithful friend.

Bernhild, a relative of Arch­bishop Karl J. Alter, arrived from Germany a few days ago, a small city near Heidelberg. She is a fine veteran of six years of case work, and after completing her studies at Edgecliff, will work up post-graduate study in the Rational School of Social Service at Catholic university.

Then she will return to prac­tice her profession in Germany, where her father, Josef Roso, is principal of Frederich Froebel school. Her mother is a form­teacher.

Bernhild likes Cincinnati "very much," and thinks one of its attractions is that it is "so hilly.""Crossing the state line from Ohio to Kentucky, Bern­hild had the feeling that some of Ohio's landscape is similar to that of Germany. She likes the city's parks, but its big depart­ment stores proved "confusing" during her first shopping trip.

The renovated St. Peter in Chains cathedral impresses her as "beautiful," and she ex­pecially appreciates the huge mosaic mural and the Cellini crucifix.

She already has become a member of the University's art club, also enrolls in the exhibition of art. All the arts, in special line in social, including the literary and drama­tic. She, herself, likes to play the violin.

She was invited to Cincinnati by her distinguished relative who visited her home town several years ago. All Viennese turned out to give Archbishops

German reminiscences are exchanged by Judith Diehl, left, and Bernhild Roso. Judy has traveled extensively in Germany; Bernhild recently arrived from the Middle East.

Alta a reception. Accompanying her grace was a faculty mem­ber of Our Lady of Cincinnati.

Committee Reports Research

On Communist Thought, Aims

International Relations club has followed the suggestion made by its new, Henry Krockenberger, appointed as a Committee on Communism. Each member of this committee has been reading one or more books in line with a particular phase of Communism and its problems.

Seniors Contend

With U.C. Cagers

In Annual Meet

Seven Edgecliff seniors are preparing to meet the University of Cincinnati girls' basketball team soon in a lively contest on the U.C. court.

The girls are not on a regular basketball team, but get together several times a year to play ball "just for fun." All have played basketball previously on high school or club teams.

Participating are: Marie Agas­tant, Mary Dean Kain, Barbara Klinkler, Suzanne Koehler, Jane Ann Lamnert, LaVerne Muldiv and Jean Postnik.

Last year, the University of Cincinnati girls' team defeated the Edgecliff girls, but not with­out a strenuous battle. This year, the seniors intend to rebound to smashing victory.

During the next few weeks, the enthusiastic seniors will prepare for the coming skirmish by play­ing ball against Edgecliff girls enrolled in team sports.

Bassin, Bourbon Sts.

Scene For Dance

Mardi Gras decorations trans­formed Economy Hall into "Basin St. and Bourbon St." in New Orleans' French Quarter. The dummies and their escorts danced away the evening of Feb. 10 at their Mardi Grass Ball. The provided the music.

During an interlude in the dancing, the freshmen presented each of the Big Sisters with a red rose. At the conclusion of this ceremony, the band played a special "hits" for the seniors and their dates.

Red and white check cloths covered the tables and orange hurricane lamps provided the lighting.

A buffet luncheon of sand­wiches, cheese dips and crackers, fruit cakes, and soft drinks con­cluded the evening.

Committee on Communism v. Religion

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From Ohio's Campuses
by Patricia Glueck '59

TV is here to stay! After more than six years of planning and research, Ohio university intends to begin educational broadcasting in the classrooms via closed circuit television. Within the next few months, the station will broadcast programs to certain campus buildings which already have been wired for the project.

Assembly Speaker Cured at Lourdes

Mrs. Winifred Feeley of Lourdes, France, gave a series of lectures in Cincinnati the week of Feb. 15 to 22 on that famous shrine. During her stay she was a guest of Our Lady of Cincinnati college.

Mrs. Feeley addressed the Edgecliff student council Wednesday of that week. She spoke about Our Lady of Lourdes, telling of the marvelous demonstration of faith made to Our Lady by the thousands who visit in Cincinnati the week of Feb. 15 to 22 on that famous shrine. These tales included St. Joseph and Misses St. Mary, Seton, Roger Bacon, Regina, Purcell and Mt. Notre Dame high schools.

The television equipment, which cost $75,000, is the standard professional type, used by many commercial stations. Presently, the department of radio television and dramatic TV production courses to teach students the techniques of producing, operating and directing.

With the increase in enrollment and the corresponding growth and expansion of college campus, new methods of communicating with the students have had to be developed.

Bowing Green state university has solved the problem by broadcasting a five-minute program of campus news each weekday afternoon. This news summary was accomplished by devoting an entire week to a particular author of the time and actually visiting the settings and surroundings in which he wrote. The tour took place in a British university for several weeks. Following a long look at Great Britain, the group moved over to the continent and trace the landscape to the homelands in several European countries.

Baldwin-Wallace students and faculty took a week-long tour of Europe this fall to examine the merits of a program which has recently been developed at the college. Freshman students having out-standing high school records on their entrance examinations during the fall quarter are given the opportunity to be enrolled in accelerated courses in English and European history.

This program will be designed to cover the other requirements for liberal arts students. Students feel, however, that the freshman class has suffered because its best members and academically outstanding students have been taken out of circulation and put in special classes.

"We predicate our course on the ideology that home economics majors have been covered."

Mrs. Feeley also was a guest at the Shriner Club of Cincinnati.

The theme for the joint Tri-Lingual and Music club meeting Feb. 26 is folk music and dancing. Edgelfick instructors will be the special guests. Mr. Joseph King and Miss Irene Daly, professors of English at the college, have been invited to dinner and to participate in a discussion of books with the Guild.

The objective of the evening is to formulate a listing of books which teachers and English students would choose for their personal libraries.

"Antiques make charming room decorations," says Doma Flee '59, "while the points out the design of the cane back chair to Judith Ruppe '59. Both girls are home economics majors and are taking a course in home decoration.

A major project of the clothing classes is the annual spring fashion show in which students present a show which they have made during the year.

Last fall a group of girls from the department attended the convention of the Home Economics association held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Serve Mothers

The Edgecliff chapter of the organization is headed this year by senior Kay Walker. At the monthly meeting of the organization, guest speakers explain related subjects. Topics such as kitchen-planning and gift wrapping have been covered.

Discussion, Reports

Heard By Faculty

Edgelfick faculty held its first meeting of the year Feb. 12. Those at this meeting were members who attended conventions recently.

Miss Sara Thompson and Dr. Siegmund Betz attended the Modern Language association in New York. Dr. Louis Belai was a delegate to the meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers which also was held in New York.

The College Art Association convention held in Cleveland was attended by Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy and Jr. M. Roine, R.N. Mr. Daniel Steibl reported on his trip to two colleges in India which visited as a coordinator. Dr. Betz explained the plans and aims of the Ohio College Association committee on College Teacher recruitment for which he is the liaison member of the campus.

The Rev. Robert P. Sullivan reviewed several magazines and articles dealing with the liberal arts. He then led a discussion of the faculty on the various aspects of the society.

The purpose of the discussion was to come to an agreement on the meaning of the term and to decide whether or not a liberal arts college is justified in offering pre-professional training, such as nursing and business administration.

Calendar

FEBRUARY

19 Home Economics Meeting
21 Library Meeting at St. Ursula Academy
24 Library Meeting Science Club Meeting
25 Assembly: Vera Deny Music Club Meeting
26 Tri-Lingual Meeting
28 High School Speech Festival

MARCH

1 Higher Education Conference in Chicago: March 1-4
2 Red Cross Meeting
3 Literacy Committee
4 Student Council Meeting
6 Assembly: St. Thomas Aquinas
8 I.E.C. Meeting
9 Lay Advisory Board
10 Sociology Club Meeting
11 Assembly: Magr. Julius W. Haun
12 Edgecliff Players' Tea
13 Faculty Meeting
14 City Day Tournament
16 Edgelfick Saddlemates
17 Music Club Meeting
18 Assembly: Xavier Club Fire
19 Nurse Qualifying Exam
20 Easter Vacation Begins

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