

You still have time to make  
the PRESIDENT'S NOVENA,

University of Notre Dame  
Religious Bulletin  
April 22, 1952

Ill, grandmother of Don Mul-  
vihill (Ba). Deceased grand-  
father of Dick DiValerio.

-----  
Keeping The Records Straight.

We are criticized for keeping statistics of the number of Holy Communion--it is not the spirit of Christ; He didn't keep any records.

Whoever dropped that line, dropped the ball. What did Christ mean when He spoke about storing up treasures in heaven? On the day of Judgment--be sure of this--He'll take a good look at the record. . . your record.

Anyhow, for your information Communion records are diagnostic material. You can't blame a physician for looking for symptoms before he prescribes. Our Lord told us that we should, before beginning to build, sit down and reckon the charges necessary, whether we have the wherewithal to finish.

If each Notre Dame student received only once a year, which he must do at Easter time according to Church law, there would be many a lifted eyebrow. . . On the other hand, if every student received every day, eyebrows would be lifted as high as the statue on the dome. . . Whatever the reaction to the first statistic or to the second, it would be a reaction to statistics.

Between the All going to Communion daily and the NONE going at all there is a variant which tells the chaplains and rectors something, but not everything. If the campus is dragging its feet, we want to know why.

And the campus is dragging its feet. Do you want to know why?

Start With Laziness.

Sloth is an evil of the will which causes neglect of one's duty. In the physical realm it appears as laziness, softness, idleness, putting-things-off, nonchalance, and indifference.

As an intellectual disease, it takes the forms of careless study, dishonesty in class-work, plagerizing assignments, uncalled for cuts, inattention.

As a malady of the will, it is detected by the following symptoms: distaste of attendance at Mass and the reception of the Sacraments, lukewarmness and failures at prayers, and CONTEMPT OF SELF-DISCIPLINE, manifested by the aches and pains of griping.

Sloth is the sin of those who only look at picture-magazines, but never at print; who read only novels, but never a philosophy of life. Sloth disguises itself as tolerance and broad-mindedness--it has not enough intellectual energy to discover Truth and follow it. Sloth loves nothing, hates nothing, hopes nothing, fears nothing, keeps alive because it sees nothing to die for. IT RUSTS OUT RATHER THAN WEARS OUT.

Sloth would not render a service to any employer a minute after a whistle blows; and the more it increases in our midst, the more burdens it throws upon the State. Sloth is ego-central; it is basically an attempt to escape from social and spiritual responsibilities, in the expectation that someone else will care for us. The lazy man is a parasite. He demands that others cater to him and earn his bread for him; he is asking special privileges in wishing to eat bread which he has not earned. --from LIFT UP YOUR HEART by Sheen.

A slothful person can become mean and spiteful. He snarls in resentment against those who remind him that he has a soul to save. . . But sloth isn't the only sin: There are lust, anger, pride, gluttony, envy and avarice. And then a few more.