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Welcome Back!

By this late everyone has arrived. The long lines have dwindled. Some schedules have become intelligible to a decent majority. You'd never believe that one small area could pack so much confusion into 3 days -- such as the campus has witnessed in the interim since your arrival. And now that you are here, God bless you, and keep you, and bring you safely through the Indiana winter until June -- in the state of grace, and with a decent average!

They Are All Here

Seniors are getting used to the luxury of Fisher, as they sit there deep in thought. Juniors are fighting their way through the endless caverns of Dillon. Sophomores are pushing culture to the western fringes, and growing lyrical in the lake region. For Freshmen, life these days is an endless list of questions. Thanks to the Orientation Committee, they are making progress.

Their mission is already finished. From Father Hesburgh they have learned the pattern of life at Notre Dame. Now they are well on their way. If they remember what he told them, they can't miss. Nor will there be any accidents to jar the peace of their family circles.

And Now The Sophomores

Sunday evening, at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church the Sophomores begin their Class Mission under the direction of Father Victor Dean, C.S.C., the new Sophomore Class Chaplain. The mission is for Sophomores only. It will continue through Monday and Tuesday evenings, and terminate with the Papal Benediction on Wednesday morning. This year, each class will make an individual mission. Plan ahead to be there. When your turn comes, let nothing interfere with your being present. All evening sermons will start at 6:45, and terminate in ample time for other activities. A mission at the beginning of the schoolyear is an essential part of a Notre Dame education. Don't sell yourselves short. In some far off day in Eternity, as you sit quietly on a cloud with other Alumni in the realm of the Blessed, you might well reflect that the mission days were the best part of your education -- for the very good reason that they got you into Heaven. The old school, you will reflect with a note of triumphant gratitude, was never too timid to put first things first!

To derive full fruit from the Mission you should receive Communion each day. At each Mission sermon in the evening there will be a battery of 8 confessors for your convenience. Keep them busy. But if you would avoid the rush, stop in this evening at Dillon, Howard, Sorin, or Cavanaugh.

Solemn Opening Sunday

The schoolyear formally opens Sunday with a Solemn Mass at 8:30 in honor of the Holy Ghost. There will be a colorful procession of faculty in academic robes and ministers of the Mass, from the Main Building to the Church.

Note Well -- There will be earlier Masses at 6, 7, and 7:50 for Freshmen. There will be later Masses at 10 and 11 for the Upperclassmen.

Remember -- There will be no 9 o'clock Mass this particular Sunday.