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Notre Dame Spirit!

Mass this Sunday in your  
hall chapel at the hour  
designated by the rector.

Change clocks Saturday night.  
Turn them back one hour  
before you retire.

"Rockne didn't make it. Gipp didn't make it. They're a glorious part of it.  
They helped make it -- and it helped make them.

"It's a unique thing -- this Notre Dame Spirit!

"It tolerates everything in religion, except sneers, disputes, and hatreds. The Notre Dame man may be Protestant, Catholic, Jew, or whatnot. His faith, whatever it is, won't stop him from being the first-string halfback. And he needs no fraternity pull -- there's no such thing at Notre Dame. All that is asked of him is that he respect the faith of his fellows, have a faith of his own, and give it the best he has. It provides no sheltering abode for the 'parlor-pink' or the communist. It fosters no whining, no self-pity, no dreamy visions of governmental socialistic coddling. Team work? Yes, and lots of it.

"It breeds, and it demands, physical, mental, moral strength. A chap may not be fortunate to excel in athletics. But surely there is something he can do, and do well. And he had better make a genuine, whole-hearted effort -- if he wants the respect of his fellows.

"The Notre Dame Spirit! Rockne may pass; Gipp may pass. There may be Four Horsemen, or none at all. But their spirit contains no germs of decay; and it will survive, never really to be beaten -- the Spirit of Notre Dame!"

Years ago, Jack Harding of Indianapolis wrote this beautiful tribute to Notre Dame courage -- to men before you who were faced with an up-hill fight on their hands. Last week, you left no doubt in anyone's mind that the heroic flame still burns bright. Tomorrow is another day for courage, and courageous men. Let no one say that we of 1956 did not add something to a glorious heritage! Remember: the greatest heroes are moulded by adversity.

The Fisher hall sign sums it up well: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

This Week: For Notre Dame's Own

Your contributions at the Masses last Sunday were forwarded to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This week, your offering will go to the Notre Dame men in Bengal. Since there is to be a Mass in each hall at the hour designated by the rector, see to it that you don't come empty-handed, and that you don't miss the basket when it comes your way. You can be sure that these valiant N.D. men, far from the campus, will pray for you for keeping them alive. Don't forget them, this Sunday.

Tonight: The Novena

Are you looking for some help in your classwork? Are you bothered by particular temptations? Or financial difficulties? Or domestic problems? Is anyone sick at home? Is the time coming for an important decision? Remember: there's no better solution for any problem than Our Lady of Sorrows. And the Novena begins early enough for you to attend, then take in the Pep Rally -- then maybe the Sophomore dance. It is just like Notre Dame to put first things first, and yet manage to get everything in, this evening.

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PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: Mr. L. O. Gates, benefactor of the University; Emmet Trainor. Ill: mother of John Cogan (O-C); wife of Bernard Voll, '17; Mary Ellen Haggerty; mother of John Dorgan, '29. Two Special Intentions.