

Tonight at 6:45: Sorrow-  
ful Mother Novena -- then  
the Pep Rally. Go to both!

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Sunday morning Mass: in your  
hall chapel -- at the hour  
designated by your rector.

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Let's Be Respectable

It's odd how little some parents do to instill the idea of respectability into their children. Boys come to Notre Dame without the remotest idea that public opinion should be regarded -- and that the disregard of public opinion affects their reputation, and the reputation of their home, their relatives, their school, their race, their country.

A family is like a badge like a monogram, a K. of C. pin, or Masonic emblem. It means just what the men who wear it make it mean.

Some family names give one a shudder -- just because all the individuals of the name in our acquaintance were disrespectful. When we meet a new member of the tribe, we have a hard time reserving judgment, and giving him a fair chance to prove himself.

The prestige of a monogram, or a school ring, depends not only upon the prestige of the school, but upon the conduct of the men who earn, or wear, it. The value of a Notre Dame monogram, or ring, to the man in the street depends not so much upon the general reputation of the University as upon the general tone of his acquaintances who wear it. When a pagan sees a monogram, or ring, or jacket of Notre Dame in a dive, he forms his own conclusions with regard to the student body.

At the last home game the student body -- all of us -- took it on the chin because of the antics of a small segment of the younger element on campus. Tomorrow, we can make amends in the eyes of the public by refraining from coarse antics, and unsportsmanlike conduct.

Campus Leaders

Any man who gives good example is a campus leader -- make no mistake about that!

There are, on the other hand, a great many sheep in these parts -- muttonheads is the name for them -- and they follow the first leader who promotes himself. And since these muttonheads are a little light on reason, or bereft of intelligence, they can't really be blamed too much. Good example on the part of the thinking hundreds will remedy the situation -- especially if it comes from Upperclassmen.

Advice To The Lovelorn

Query: "Is it all right for a Freshman to become engaged? My father and mother are very much opposed to it -- why, I don't know. I feel old enough to know my own mind, and would like to know what you think about it. I'm 18, and she's wonderful.

Reply: By all means go ahead with the engagement. It is just what you need to keep your mind off your studies. Young men nowadays are far more mature than their parents. Furthermore, parents are most unreasonable -- and they plot against your welfare constantly. All they ever do is pay all your bills, and try night and day to give you the best opportunities available. I would suggest that you talk this over with your grandmother, because she is in her second childhood and will understand you perfectly. And another thing: be sure your intended wife has a good job!

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PRAYERS - Deceased: Rev. Henry Kemper; Thomas McLaughlin, '33 and wife (airplane crash); Thomas McGrath, '13; Michael Carmody, '15; grandmother of Alan Pinado; grandfather of Ken Murphy of Howard; mother of Fr. Joseph Quinn, CSC; friend of John Gorey, '57; cousin of John Christen of Morrissey. Ill: mother of Prof. Richard Sullivan (English Dept.); Jones Grant; grandmother of Don Diamberio of Morrissey; another person very ill.