

Adoration tomorrow for
Dillon, Pangborn, and
Sorin halls...

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Don cassocks and surplices
available in the chapel.

Learn From The Clam

It might be proved conclusively by science that the clam has no more brains than the average man or woman; and yet it achieves ideals before which men and women falter.

Neither ancient nor modern history, for example, records a single case wherein the clam has been arrested or jailed for libel. Whoever heard of a clam's being remotely guilty of slander or calumny? Nor do clams ever use profanity or vulgarity.

And yet, the clam has relatively in proportion to the size of its body, the largest tongue in existence. It is nearly all tongue.

The reason for both phenomena -- its reticence and its lingual dimensions, is that the clam uses its tongue to walk with -- not to talk with. The clam eventually gets where it wants to go, without asking directions. It never quarells nor blusters -- who always preserves a quiet, peaceful, and dignified demeanor.

At Notre Dame you can find anything you look for, even evil -- though you will not find it in all its hideousness. It's all the more startling because of its contrast. But you can find it if you look for it. And on some rare occasions, you may have it thrust upon you -- as on the bus coming home from town, when three or four loudmouths sound off with a wave of profanity and vulgarity, and thus give villagers the mistaken impression that this is typical of Notre Dame men.

It's difficult to walk out on them. But it offers a wonderful opportunity for you to be an influence for good by telling them to "Clam up!"

We talk a lot about leadership. We refer to student leaders often. But no man develops leadership simply by wishing for it. Leadership means backbone. Furthermore, strength of character is tested by environment. And this instance would be the very time and place to measure your own possibility of ever becoming a leader.

It could very well be that the stupid fellow who starts any improper conversation is just as heartily ashamed of himself as you are of him. The chances are that he brought with him from high school one of those childish notions that to be a "HE-MAN" one must play horse with the nicer things in life; and so, he leans heavily upon filthy conversation. Perhaps, if you told him you thought better of him, he would begin to think better of himself. Really, you would be doing him a wonderful service. And secretly, he would admire you and the courage you displayed.

The big hick needs to be educated; and this kind of education comes best from the student leadership that your admonition would provide.

It is significant to observe that the two halls on campus most renowned for low scholarship and light chapel attendance are the two halls most renowned for offensive vocabulary, on the busses especially. And if the violations occur in public, you can be pretty sure of the environment they create on campus.

These are the men who could learn a precious lesson from the clam!

PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: father of Arthur, '44 and Robert, '49, Feltes; grandmother of Joe Mulligan of Sorin; sister of Dean Joseph O'Mears (Law). Ill: friend of Ken Murphy of Howard; Mrs. Julia Sullivan. 3 special intentions.

Daily afternoon Mass at 5:10 in Sacred Heart Church. Rosary at 6:45 at the Grotto sponsored by the Freshman halls, Monday through Thursday during May.