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● VOTING for officers of the Knights of Columbus continues until 6:00 P.M. this evening. A meeting follows at 8:00 P.M., at which time the election results will be announced. Both the voting and meeting take place in the Council chambers in Walsh Hall.

● TONIGHT AND EVERY NIGHT during May there are devotions at the Grotto, beginning promptly at 6:30. Bring a friend. And, remember, you may gain a plenary indulgence for these nightly visits.

● THE OLD-TIMERS GAME, set for 2:00 P.M. next Saturday in South Bend's School Field, has been explained by Charlie Callahan as follows:

It is unfortunate, but the Old Timers game really came to life as a "must see" production in the spring of 1937, as the result of an automobile accident.

The story concerns Johnny (One Play) O'Brien. And the telling of the story really reaches back into Notre Dame gridiron lore. It goes back to the story of: "Win this one for the Gipper."

In 1928, when an underdog Notre Dame team beat Army, 12-6, the winning touchdown was scored on a long pass from John Niemic, the left halfback, to Johnny O'Brien, the left end. This was the game in which the famed Rockne, at halftime, delivered his pep talk in which he told his men that George Gipp, on his death bed, had said: "Someday, Rock, when the going really gets rough, ask the boys to win one for the Gipper." That was the day, in 1928, against Army, that Rockne asked for the win. The victory came, as mentioned above, on a pass to O'Brien. It was the only play in which O'Brien, then a sophomore, participated in that afternoon. And, as a consequence, he picked up the nickname of "One Play O'Brien."

In 1936 O'Brien had joined the staff of Elmer Layden, then the head football coach at Notre Dame. It turned out to be a one-season job. On March 12, 1937, he was killed in an automobile accident.

It follows that the Old Timers game in May of 1937, with a higher rate of admission, was played for the benefit of the family of Johnny O'Brien.

The Varsity beat the Old Timers 7-0. The acting captain of the Varsity was Joe Kuharich.

Since 1947, the proceeds of the game have been used for the benefit of four yearly tuition scholarships for young men residing in the South Bend area.

● EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT continues daily in the Lady Chapel. Sorin, Dillon, and Pangborn residents will keep the chapel fill-

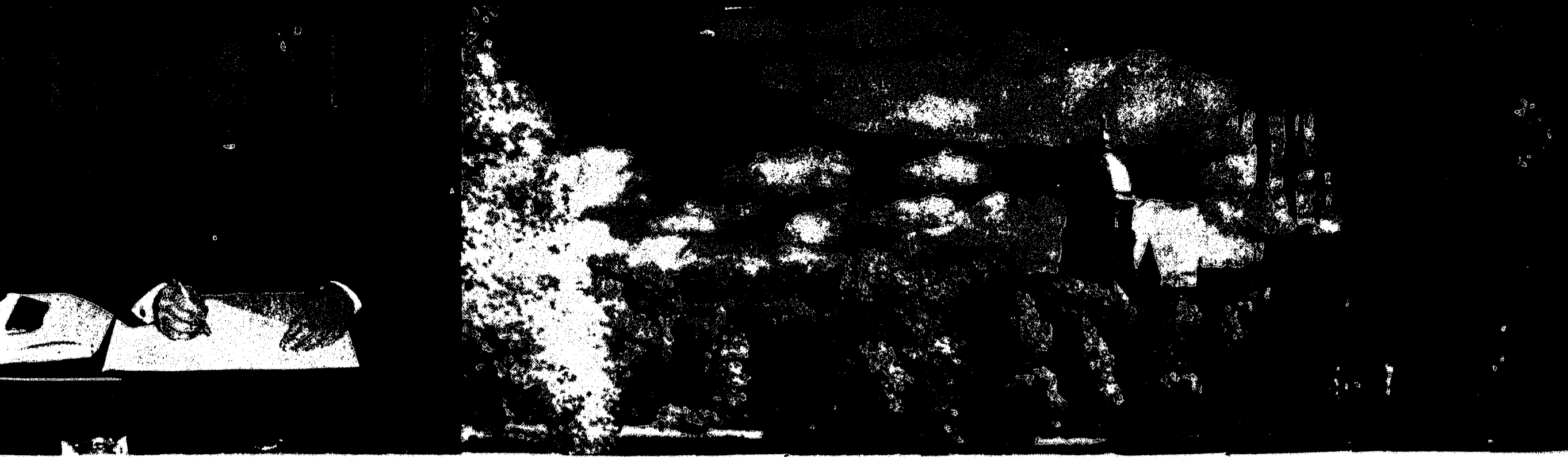
ed tomorrow. On Wednesday, residents of Badin, Howard, Lyons, and Keenan will take their turn. The chapel should be kept filled during the hours of exposition.

● DON'T PUT OFF preparation for Exams. The Novena beginning next Monday won't help much if you have not been studying in preparation for them. And the days ahead are crowded. This week-end, for instance, there'll be the Engineering Open House and Auto show, the Old-Timers Game, "The Most Happy Fella", the Memorial Mass and Presidential Review for the ROTC. That's quite a schedule in itself. But add to this the visits of such interesting speakers as: Mr. David McDonald, tomorrow at 4:30 in the Engineering Auditorium; Cardinal Agagianian, a week from today at 4:30 in the church; and Dr. Tom Dooley, on the 19th at a time to be announced in the Drill Hall.

● THE ST VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY will put out boxes soon to receive your old clothes. Go through your belongings and plan on giving something to these men for their work with those who are less fortunate.

● PRAYERS. Deceased: Rev. Patrick Haggerty, C.S.C.; Mrs. Maude Donahue; father of L. R. Garland; grandfather of Pat Chambers of Sorin; aunt of Sister Rose Marie, D.C.

Ill: Dennis Phillips of Farley; William Alling, Off-Campus; mother of Sr. M. Baylon, O.S.F.; Rev. Arthur Schoenfeldt, C.S.C.; Richard Barber; mother of Rev. John Lubbers, C.S.C.; mother of Sr. John Francis, C.S.J. Four special intentions.



It is every man's vocation to adore and praise God--this is what we all hope to be doing eternally. But it is especially true of students. And we are "schmart too late" if we don't begin now permit Christ-within-us to dominate our lives. What the future holds is anyone's guess. Suffering, hardship, and sorrow could be our lot just as readily as it is the lot of the crippled and bed-fast who came in pilgrimage to the Grotto on Saturday. (Many thanks, by the way, for helping to move the infirm!)

When the sun returns tomorrow, and all nature seems to be saying something to us, consider for a bit the place of praise, the place of prayer in our lives. And I mean the prayer of petition, by which we ask God for help. It's true that every day can be offered as a prayer of love, and an act of adoration. But, in addition to our love, God wants to help us in our work. Make no mistake, God cares about whether we succeed in evaluating an integral, whether we get the "bugs" out of an experiment. True, it will be only through our own pains that we will pass tests and meet assignments. But, through prayer we can receive the grace to stay at the desk and finish a job. Or perhaps the grace will be given to accept defeat with dignity and turn to something more in keeping with our talents.

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in mind the danger of intellectual pride. Too often, we tend to forget from whom we've received whatever talent for study we have. We tend to regard ourselves as self-sufficient, able to "go it alone". This kind of pride can be extremely dangerous. To counteract what for many students has been a besetting sin, we must resort to prayer. Any time we ask God for help in our work, we are admitting our insufficiency. And when help is given, the success is His. Bringing ourselves to acknowledge this will always be a problem, however.

Now is the time to pray. Just as we ought to have been praying for the past eight months. Last minute novenas cannot make up for prayer and effort that should have been going on throughout the semester. In the novena for examinations we should be praying that what we have spent time learning and asking help to learn will come clearly to mind at the time the blue books are passed around. The novena is not aimed at bringing all the celestial powers hurrying to rescue us from pitfalls we've walked into with eyes wide open.

If you haven't any callouses on your knees now, you may find that sitting through exams can be very uncomfortable--unless you've got a few callouses from sitting at your desk.

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