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Lost in the flood of paper hearts and contemporary cards ST VALENTINE is the true meaning of St Valentine's Day. The feast of this holy priest and martyr affords the Church an occasion for once more recalling Christ's words that we must take up the Cross and follow Him. The Church would have us again reflect on the meaning of martyrdom and how we might make it a part of our lives. Christ's words are hard ones: "I did not come to bring peace but the sword." Ours is supposed to be a life of conflict, not of ease and pleasure. We should be engaged in a war against flesh and blood, daily taking up the Cross and following Him. And, in an effort to help us, Christ points constantly to Valentine and all the holy martyrs who have fulfilled His command most perfectly. True, we probably won't be thrown into a life and death struggle, as was Valentine (and as our contemporaries face in eastern Europe and behind the Iron curtain), but we still can share the honor of "bearing witness" to Christ in the way we respond to the needs of each other. And many need only the help that comes from good example--good example in the halls, in the classroom, and on the streets.

SOPHOMORES

Sophomores who act at once by filling out the coupon here may still make the closed retreat at Moreau Seminary this weekend. Fill out the coupon and take it to your Hall Chaplain this evening. Freshmen planning to make the retreat on the weekend of February 23rd, should make their reservations as soon as possible. For reservations write Possible.

TO: Retreat Reservations
P.O. Box 124
Notre Dame, Indiana
\$2.00 down payment enclosed. Make my reservation for the week-end:
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The leaflet, "When You Miss One Holy Communion" may be sort of plain beside your stack of valentines, but hold on to it. Six months from now, the valentine may have little meaning for you. The leaflet will always provide you with something to think about. Carry it in your missal.

St. Teresa of Avila once "sked: "Lord, when wilt Thou cease to strew our path with obstacles?" And the Lord spoke to her in answer: "Murmur not, for it is thus that I treat My friends." At which Teresa sighed, and said: "Ah, dear Lord, and that is why Thou hast so few."

IN YOUR CHARITY Please pray for the following. <u>Deceased</u>: Bro. Liborius, C.S.C.; sister of Rev. Thomas Lahey, C.S.C.; <u>Ill</u>: Wife of John Lemmer, '18; father of George Holloway of Dillon; father of Earl Linehan of Alumni; Joe Doyle; Mike Langton; Tom Rini, '60.



Some are in the mood but

haven't the money ... Some

have the money but aren't in

the mood ... Some have both the mood and the

money For what? To follow the sun....come Easter vacation. (Some already have taken advantage of the between-Semesters "break" to take the sun at Aspen or Chamonix or to make the trek to freckleland.) Don't get me wrong. No one is arguing it's immoral to soak up the sun. Oh, it may dry out your skin; it may cause your nose to peel; over-exposure may weaken your eyes; and your acquaintances may conclude you're loaded (with money, that is) and make you feel you're the Local Loan Co. before June rolls around. But I'm more concerned about the way some live while vacationing in the southland.

FORT LAUDERDALE rightfully boasts of its six miles of beach, its one hundred sixty miles of canals and waterways, and its collection of chimpanzees (largest of its kind in the state). What is particularly disturbing, though, is that some of the collegians who find their way into the Elbow Room prompt the cityfathers to fear that one of the Mandrill baboons has escaped from its cage.

"SO?????.... We're paying for our fun, aren't we?" Yes, I suppose you might say you're paying for it. You give the bar-tender a quarter and a nickle. But what should you be shelling out for the embarassment you cause to those you're with, or those who wear the same kind of shirt or ring as you do? What sort of penance would be fitting for one who makes an unholy mess of a time most Christians term "Holy Spring".

SINCE CHRISTMAS, more than a few Easter plans have been made over more than a few hands of bridge. Some over-bid their bridge-hands; some may have over-extended themselves regarding plans for the Easter vacation. Have you? Best way to decide this is by asking yourself questions like these:

- 1. Can you come by the money it will take...honestly?
- 2. Can you resist being overpowered by palm-trees and pretty girls.
- 3. Can you resist having a beer at every tap?
- 4. Can you conduct yourself away from home as you would at home?

EASTER'S LATE THIS YEAR. The weather at home will be half-way decent. So save your money. It could also mean saving your soul.

