

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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## Homecoming

The alumni and other visitors will appreciate all the preparation you have put into giving them a festive welcome -- the hall decorations, the homecoming dance, the rally, and other activities.

Many of the "old school" will be looking for other evidences of the old Notre Dame spirit -- your participation in the rally, your attendance at Mass tomorrow morning, your deafening cheering at the game.

Watch the alumni as they stroll about the campus. They'll probably look up their favorite priest -- the rector who campused them or the prof who piled on the work. And watch. There'll be a steady trek to Sacred Heart Church and the Grotto. These places to them represent Notre Dame -- the peace, the spiritual atmosphere they miss in their work-a-day world. They represent the things that make Notre Dame different from any other university.

Be the perfect hosts by living up to what the alumni expect of Notre Dame men.

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Masses on Saturday will be offered in Sacred Heart Church at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 -- two extra Masses to accommodate you and your guests.

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Our Lady of Knock (with St. Patrick on the reverse side of the medal worn by the football players) has been designated to watch over the Fighting Irish when they meet Pitt.

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Those of you without weekend guests, please try to make the sacrifice of attending the 7:00 or 8:00 Masses on Sunday. Leave the seats at the later Masses for visitors and students with guests.

## Organ Dedication

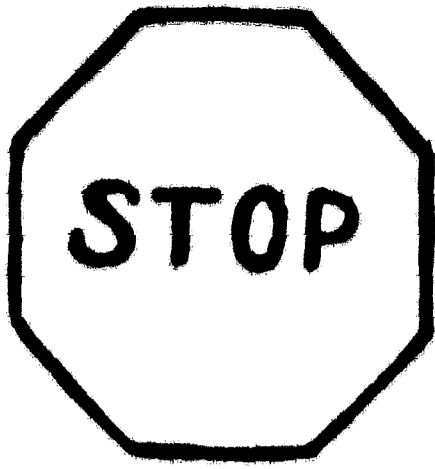
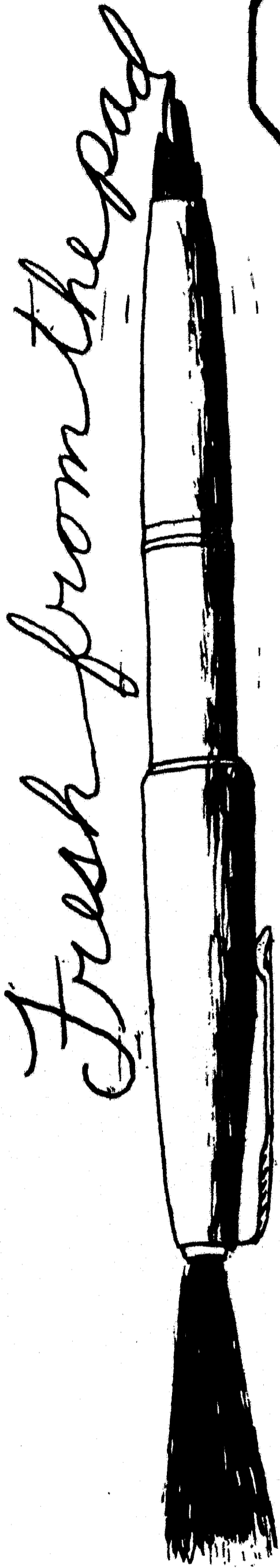
On Sunday at 3:30 the rebuilt, almost completely new organ in Sacred Heart Church will be dedicated. Father Soleta, vice-president for academic affairs, will bless the organ, and concert organist, Paul Koch of Pittsburgh, will give a recital.

## Clothing Drive

It is time to think of the clothing drive conducted annually by the American Bishops for the relief of the needy and homeless in many parts of the world. Sometime before Thanksgiving the collection will be taken up in all the halls. Start looking through your wardrobe for warm shirts, jackets, warm socks, shoes which you seldom wear and can easily do without. For you they may represent a superfluity; for some poor individual, a desperate need.

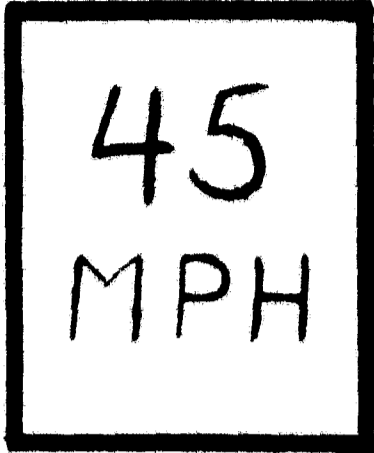
## See Other Side

Father Baker's latest freshman bulletin is reprinted on the reverse side. Its application extends beyond the northeast corner of the campus.



It's not the speed limit sign that makes you ease up on the accelerator, but the soft voice of your mother saying: "Please don't drive so fast." It's not the state law forbidding you to drink alcohol that prevents you from bending the elbow, but the disappointed and hurt expression on your date's face. It's not the penalty for checking in after midnight that keeps you from staying out all night, but the crushing blow it would deal to your Dad's trust in you.

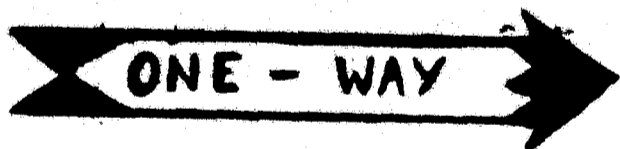
A law or penalty will never make anybody good, at least for any length of time. But devotion to a person will. A fellow will, literally, knock himself inside-out for the girl he loves. He will put out tons of energy he never thought he had. He will sacrifice and even do heroic things just to please her. He will work, sweat, and bleed not because of any law or penalty but because she means so much to him.



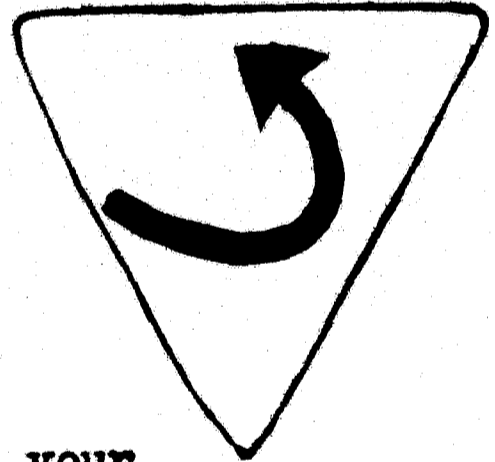
Sin always teases your selfishness. Sin intoxicates you with its thrills and excitement. No law or penalty will make you suppress these engrained urges. You just can't live your life in a negative vacuum. You must move out of yourself -- move out to a person. A real attachment to Christ would prevent you from adopting the attitude that sin is simply a substitute for something better to do. You couldn't be eaten-up with moral apathy if you were attached to Christ. If you loved Christ you wouldn't be constantly sinning because you would see sin in its true perspective --- a betrayal of love. A real manly devotion to Christ would make you work, sweat, and bleed in order not to displease Him.

In the crucial moment of temptation do you ever think of Christ? In the captivating instant of pleasure where is Christ? In the ecstatic thrill of evil where is Christ? In every cheap excitement and allurements where is your Friend? How close are you to Christ TODAY?

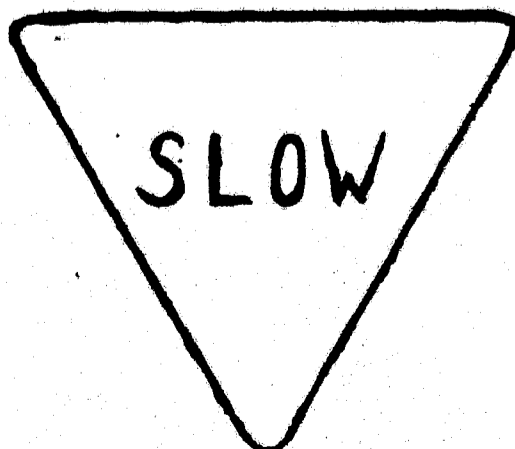
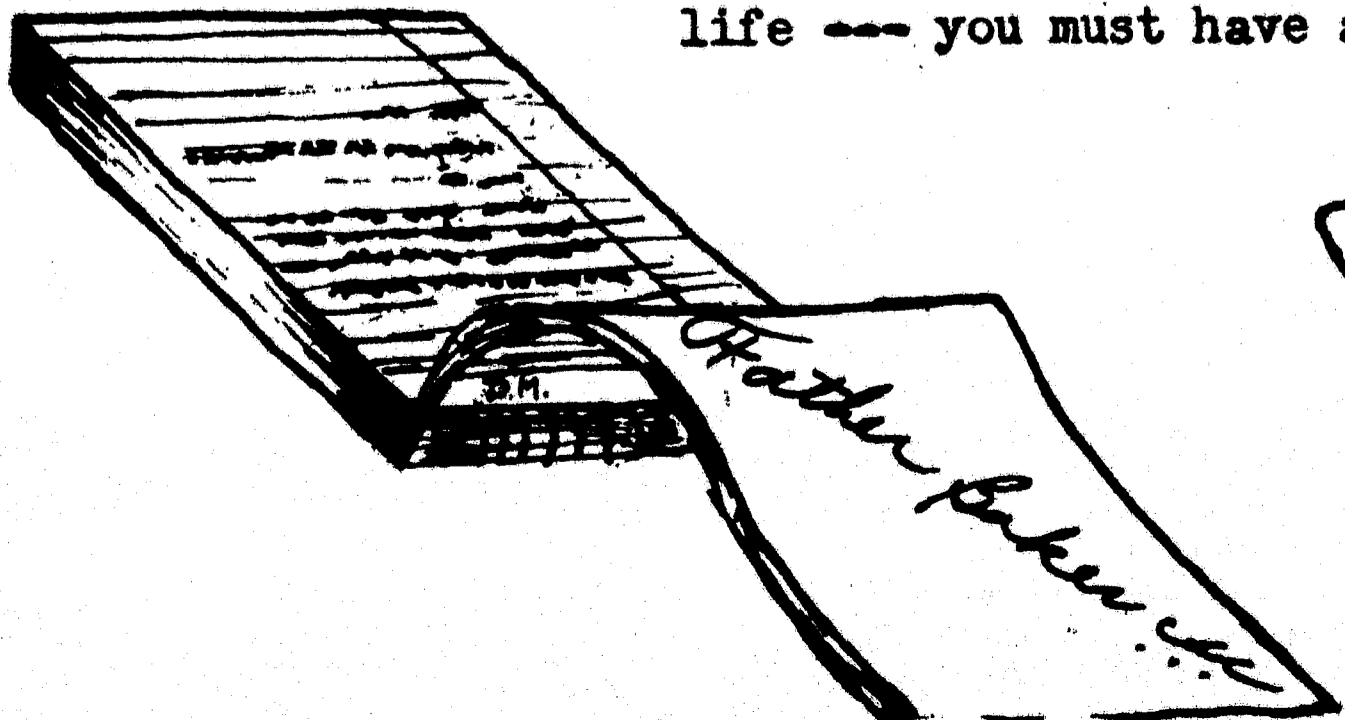
Your girl is plenty close to you. Why? You communicate. You write her a letter a day. You phone her (when not broke). She is beside you when you walk to class. She is leaning over your shoulder when you try to study. You have no problem knowing what pleases her because you have shared so many thoughts and dreams.



Do you want to start loving Christ? There is no secret in how to begin. Share with Him. Talk to Him. You can start by a bull-session on your knees every night and morning. Talk about all the things that fill your daily life -- just like you do with your girl. He's real. He hears you. He cares. What is more He can help.



Let's face it, Buddy, if you're not close to Christ you're all through. The fear of a law or a penalty may make it hard to fall asleep some nights, but it will never make you a good person. It will never make you an honest-to-God Christian. There's just no other route in the Christian life --- you must have a manly friendship with Christ.



P.S. Courage is Fear, that has said its prayers.