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For release in AM's, Sunday, November 8th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 7 --- More than 475 Notre Dame honor students may be absent from class an unlimited number of times, according to a new University regulation announced today by the Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., vice-president in charge of academic affairs.

Undergraduates named on the Dean's Honor List as having academic averages of 88% or better may skip class without penalty, but will be held personally responsible for any class work or tests missed by being absent, Father Moore explained.

This policy of non-compulsory attendance at class has always pertained in the University's Graduate School and is now being extended to undergraduate honor students and to students in the College of Law. Until now, students lost credit for a course if they were absent more times than the number of semester hours credit given for the class. In effect, students forfeited credit for a course if they were absent, except when sick, more than three times in a semester.

"Our experience has shown that the good student, who is not under compulsion to go to class, never misses except for very serious reasons," Father Moore said. "We feel that the time has come for students to assume personal responsibility for their education. This new academic regulation recognizes the superior work habits and intellectual ability of certain students. We hope that it will provide further incentive to other students to make the Dean's Honor List and enjoy the concomitant privileges," Father Moore concluded.

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For release in PM's, Monday, November 9th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 9 -- One student from each of six southern states will be eligible for a four-year scholarship at the University of Notre Dame beginning in September, 1954, it was announced today by the Rev. Alfred Mendez, C.S.C., chairman of the University's scholarship committee.

The Meehan Scholarships, founded in 1936 by the late Augustus F. Meehan of Chattanooga, Tennessee, provide an annual stipend of \$750 for four years for one qualified high school graduate from Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Neither religious creed nor financial necessity are determinants in deciding the scholarship winners.

Young men who will be graduated from high schools in the states specified next Spring and who are interested in applying for one of the Meehan Scholarships must fulfill certain requirements by March 1, 1954. They must present a birth or baptismal certificate attesting that they are native born American citizens. They must also forward a recommendation from their high school principal and a letter of character reference from a clergyman, prominent citizen or Notre Dame alumnus who knows them personally. They also must complete the official scholarship application form and arrange to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

The official application form and other details may be obtained by writing the Meehan Scholarship Committee, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

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For release in AM's, Friday, November 13th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 12 -- The specific, essential function of the Catholic college is the "development of its students as contributing citizens in a free society and apostolic members of the Church", according to the Reverend William F. Cunningham, C.S.C., professor of education at the University of Notre Dame.

Having laid down this precept, Father Cunningham specifies "what college is not" in his new book, General Education and the Liberal College. In the words of the veteran Notre Dame educator:

"A college is not a clinic or a hospital, though it will safeguard the health of its students and promote vigorous living on the campus as the best guarantee of health in later life.

"It is not an orphan asylum or a home, but it will manifest paternal solicitude for the well-being of its students and exercise a fatherly care in all spheres of life.

"A college is not a farm or factory, nor a store or office, but it will give a fundamentally broad training that will prepare its students to become efficient producers of goods or services.

"It is not a park or country club, but it will have a well-planned program of social activities and physical education (including both intramural and inter-collegiate athletics) giving its students in their leisure hours relief from their work, which is study.

"A college is not a monastery or a church, but it will have a vital religious program which, in addition to the development of the intellectual virtues through the curriculum, will develop the moral virtues through a life of Christian self-denial on the campus, and the theological virtues through private devotion and public worship with active participation in the liturgy of the Church."

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. -- Johnny Lattner, all-American half-back and senior accounting major in Notre Dame's College of Commerce, is the subject of the cover story in the November 9th issue of TIME magazine.

The article sketches Lattner's phenomenal athletic record at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois. His football record at Notre Dame is summed up in the words of Head Coach Frank Leahy: "He's our bread and butter ball carrier."

"Notre Dame's winning ways are only partly attributable to talent," the TIME story recounts. "More important, by far, is an intangible spirit that seems... to make super-players out of ordinary mortals like Johnny Lattner. In a school where the first religion is Roman Catholicism, athletics is No. 2 for the 5,401 undergraduates who live under the strictest discipline west of West Point and Annapolis."

The TIME story tells how Lattner was imbued with the Notre Dame spirit the moment he set foot on the campus as a green freshman three years ago. "I came down that driveway and I saw that golden dome with the statue of our Blessed Mother all lighted up, and it was one of the biggest thrills of my life. I got kind of choked up, and I was awful glad I came here," Lattner reminisced.

"Johnny is just as intently serious about his education" as his gridiron performance, TIME notes. "He aims to become a certified public accountant, and this year, despite the demands of football, he has been maintaining an 81 average in such subjects as accounting, auditing, business ethics and government taxation. He is also in Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC, preparing for a turn of active duty soon after graduation."

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For release in FM's, Friday, November 13th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 13 — The 16th Annual Notre Dame Communion Sunday, which will be observed by thousands of alumni from coast-to-coast on December 6th, will be dedicated to the success of the forthcoming Marian Year recently proclaimed by Pope Pius XII.

The board of directors of the Notre Dame Alumni Association has requested 140 alumni clubs throughout the world, as well as individual alumni outside these areas, to devote this Sunday nearest the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to the success of the centenary observance of the dogma which was defined in 1854.

"Because Notre Dame is the largest school in the United States dedicated to Our Lady, and because Pope Pius XII himself is an honorary alumnus as the result of the degree conferred on his visit to the campus in 1936, the alumni board feels that Notre Dame men have both an obligation and a privilege to promote the Marian Year," James E. Armstrong, executive secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association declared.

The Notre Dame clubs' annual observance was inaugurated in 1938 because of the need for stressing the close ties between religion and American citizenship, beautifully symbolized in the dedication of the United States to Our Lady in her Immaculate Conception by the American hierarchy more than one hundred years ago.

Club observances will center around attendance at Mass and Communion breakfasts with speakers from Notre Dame or the local area stressing the history and nature of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception to be commemorated during 1954.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, November 15th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 14 -- One hundred thirty-nine alumni of the University of Notre Dame are listed in the 1952-53 edition of Who's Who in America, according to a survey just completed by the A. N. Marquis Company, publisher of the standard reference volume. Notre Dame is one of the first two Catholic colleges in the number of listings, the publisher reported.

Twenty-three of the alumni listed are priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which operates Notre Dame, and nineteen are members of the University's lay faculty. The volume includes biographies of many other faculty members who are not Notre Dame alumni.

Among distinguished alumni listed in Who's Who are the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., archbishop of Philadelphia and former Notre Dame president; Frank C. Walker, former postmaster general and a University trustee; and former Governor Harry F. Kelly of Michigan.

Four noted journalists with Notre Dame degrees who are included in the volume are Walter W. "Red" Smith, sports columnist of the New York Herald-Tribune; Arch Ward, sports editor, and Walter Trohan, Washington bureau chief, of the Chicago Tribune; and J. P. McEvoy, syndicated columnist.

Other prominent Notre Dame alumni listed are George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College; Albert Pick, hotel chain executive; Raymond J. Kelly, past national commander of The American Legion; Clyde A. Lewis, former commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and federal judges Luther M. Swygert and Harold P. Burke.

The sizeable Notre Dame representation in Who's Who is remarkable in view of the fact that 53% of the University's alumni have received their degrees since

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For release in AM's, Saturday, Nov. 21st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 20 --- Dr. Alfred Kinsey, principal author of Sexual Behavior of the Human Female, has been criticized by the head of Notre Dame's sociology department for using statistics which are "questionably valid" and building upon them a philosophy which is "unquestionably invalid."

Dr. John J. Kane, a specialist on marriage and the family and former president of The American Catholic Sociological Society, analyzes the latest "Kinsey Report" in the December issue of THE VOICE OF ST. JUDE, published by the Claretian Fathers.

Kinsey "has invaded the field of social philosophy where his authority and ability can be severely questioned," the Notre Dame sociologist writes. "His statistics cannot be projected on all American women." But despite these serious reservations Dr. Kane concedes that Kinsey's findings are the best scientific data available on the subject.

"Let's not dismiss Kinsey as a crackpot," Dr. Kane cautions. "Let's remember that while this book may do great harm, it can also do great good. If America is alerted to the decline of moral standards, and realizes the importance of religion in regaining them, we may all have cause to remember Professor Kinsey with gratitude," Kane declares.

"Kinsey's findings reveal that certain types of illicit sex behavior have increased in recent decades," Dr. Kane notes. "He likewise confirmed statements by religious leaders that religion is the most effective method of curbing immoral sex behavior. Again and again in the course of his investigation Professor Kinsey found that the devout Catholic, Jew or Protestant was least likely to engage in immoral sex behavior."

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For release in PM's, Friday, November 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 20 -- The formal opening of the new LaFortune Student Center at the University of Notre Dame will be held tomorrow (Saturday, 5 p.m.) following the Notre Dame-Iowa football game. Guests of honor will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. LaFortune, Tulsa, Oklahoma, whose gift made construction of the student center possible. LaFortune is a Notre Dame alumnus and trustee, vice-chairman of the Warren Petroleum Company, Tulsa, and currently is serving as deputy director of the Petroleum Administration for Defense.

Among those who will attend the building's formal opening are the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame; members of the University's Associate Board of Lay Trustees who are holding their semi-annual meeting on the campus this weekend; and members of the University's three advisory councils and the President's Committee of South Bend. Representatives of Notre Dame's Student Senate, headed by president James Richards, Berwyn, Illinois, will serve as hosts.

The transformation of the interior of old Science Hall into the new student center was made possible by Mr. and Mrs. LaFortune's gift of \$135,000 and an earlier bequest of Elmore Smith, a 1951 Notre Dame graduate killed in action in Korea. The furnishing and decoration of the building were supervised by the Women's Advisory Council of the University, lead by Mrs. E. M. Morris of South Bend. The Council engaged the professional services of Laura Jenkins, New York City, who chose contemporary furnishings and deep-tone modern colors for the building. Special gifts of Mrs. George W. Strake, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. O. J. Caron, Rochelle, Illinois, helped underwrite the project.

Included in the building, which was designed by Frank Montana and Robert Schultz of the Notre Dame architecture faculty, are a general lounge with adjoining patio and a dance floor which will accommodate five hundred couples. The building also provides a game room, coffee bar, and a number of meeting rooms and offices for the Student Senate and other campus organizations.



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For release in PM's, Thursday, November 19th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 19 -- The golden anniversary of the papal decree proclaiming Gregorian Chant as the official music of the Catholic Church will be observed at the University of Notre Dame next Sunday (Nov. 22) with a series of services featuring chant by the congregation and a concert by the Moreau Seminary Choir.

Sunday marks the 50th anniversary of the promulgation of Motu Proprio by Pope Pius X on November 22, 1903. The papal document explains the importance of music in divine worship and sets down rules for its use. Sunday's observance coincides with the feast of Saint Cecilia, patroness of Church music.

The congregation will sing the Ordinary at High Masses Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church on the Notre Dame campus. The Moreau Seminary Choir will chant the Propers of the Mass at the earlier service while the new Faculty-Student Choir will sing the Propers at the later Mass. The active participation of the congregation in Church services was one of the aims of Pope Pius X and has become a decided trend in recent years.

Solemn Vespers will be sung in Sacred Heart Church at 4 p.m. Sunday. Again the congregation will participate actively, singing the psalms while the Moreau Seminary Choir will chant the antiphons. The sermon will be preached by the Reverend Bernard Mullahy, C.S.C., assistant provincial of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Final event of the Sunday observance will be a concert of sacred music by the Moreau Seminary Choir in Washington Hall at 8 p.m. The choir, under the direction of Rev. William McAuliffe, C.S.C., will illustrate the different kinds of Church music approved by the Motu Proprio.

The public is cordially invited to the various services and the concert.

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For release in AM's, Friday, November 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 19 --- "Sheen," said the debating coach, "you're the worst public speaker I've ever heard --- absolutely the worst." Young Fulton J. Sheen swallowed hard at the biting comment, answered nothing, but resolved to be not the worst but one of the best. It happened many years ago, "When Bishop Sheen Was a Boy," and is told by Ken Crotty in the November issue of THE CATHOLIC BOY, published by the Holy Cross Fathers at Notre Dame.

Tracing the future Bishop's life through its little known years, the Boston Post writer draws a firm portrait of the youngster who was to become one of the most eloquent spokesmen of the Catholic Church in the United States. "In his television image, a vast world can see now the spiritual fruits of a fine discipline half-hidden fifty years ago in Illinois," the author writes.

Born in the small town of El Paso, Illinois, Fulton Sheen moved with his family to Peoria at the age of five. Incidentally, the boy was baptized Peter John Sheen but "because he lived close to his mother's folks --- the Fultons --- and was deeply devoted to them, he liked to be known as Fulton J. Sheen." His father alternated between selling hardware and working a farm, but regardless of where the family was gathered, the Rosary was recited in unison each evening.

The story tells how young Fulton Sheen served Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria where he was to be ordained on September 20, 1919. He has told friends that he could remember no time in his life when he did not have the desire to become a priest. While studying in Paris, young Father Sheen won his first convert, dramatically saving a young woman from suicide. He has been winning converts ever since, bringing Christian philosophy to millions through his remarkable television program, "Life is Worth Living."

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For release in FM's, Tuesday, Nov. 17th:

West Liberty, W. Va., Nov. 17 -- "Hundreds of thousands of the marriages which annually end in separation or divorce could be kept intact if young couples were properly briefed beforehand on the chief booby traps in married life," the Reverend John A. O'Brien of the University of Notre Dame declared here today. "Such pre-marital instruction is no less important than the blood test and should be required before a license to wed is granted," Father O'Brien asserted.

The address by the noted author and marriage counsellor was a highlight of Religious Emphasis Week at West Liberty State College. Father O'Brien spoke at the joint invitation of President Paul N. Elbin and the Most Reverend John J. Swint, Bishop of Wheeling.

A detailed investigation of 5,000 marriage failures indicates nine booby-traps which lie in the path of a long and happy married life, Father O'Brien said. "Plain drunkenness ruins the largest number of marriages, accounting for about 30% of our broken homes," he said. "In addition it is a contributing factor in the wreckage of many other marriages."

"Infidelity ranks second and is the cause of about 25% of our marriage failures," the Notre Dame priest declared. "In four out of five cases the husband is the guilty partner. It must be emphasized that marriage begets not merely a legal but also a moral and religious obligation to be faithful to one's vows."

Father O'Brien listed other booby traps and their relative importance in marriage failures as irresponsibility, 13%; incompatibility in temperament or character, 12%; in-law interference, 7%; sex maladjustment, 5%; mental illness, 3%; differences over religion, 3%; and money troubles, 1%.

"Bringing God, religion and prayer into more homes," Father O'Brien stressed, "will further strengthen nuptial bonds, for the family that prays together, stays together."

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For release in PM's, Monday, November 16th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 16 -- One of the first collegiate productions of Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate" will be presented at the University of Notre Dame, Dec. 1-6 (8:30 p.m.). Representing perhaps the most ambitious undertaking of the University Theatre to date, the musical calls for a cast of approximately thirty-five singers and dancers who have been selected from the student body and nearby South Bend.

Director John D. Tumpane has cast Eugene Gorski, a graduate student from Chicago, Illinois, in the leading role of Fred Graham. Two South Bend actresses, Billie Baum and Jinny Myler, will alternate in the role of Lilli Vanessi. Other Notre Dame students in the cast include Charles Spicka, Dayton, Ohio; Joseph Juricic, Joliet, Illinois; William Hamel, Toledo, Ohio; Ward Mercier, Eudora, Kansas; John Noland, Oak Park, Illinois; and Raymond Papay, Montvale, New Jersey.

Cole Porter's memorable score will be conducted by Dudley Birder. Included are such tuneful hits as "So in Love," "Wonderbar" and "Why Can't You Behave?". Allan J. Powers is in charge of choreography and John J. Kirby will be technical director. The sets will be designed and built by Notre Dame students.

"Kiss Me Kate" ran more than one thousand performances on Broadway and one company is still touring the country. The movie version of the musical play soon will be seen in many cities. The play depicts an out-of-town opening of a musical version of "The Taming of the Shrew" with scenes showing backstage life. The director and the leading lady fight all through the performance and she finally threatens to quit. Even though he hires two gangsters to keep her on stage at gunpoint, the play and the play-within-a-play both end happily.

Tickets may be ordered by mail at \$1.50 or \$1.00 by sending a check or money order to University Theatre, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. Tickets for students and faculty members are available at 75¢.

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For release in AM's, Tuesday, Nov. 17th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 16 -- A collection of ten paintings of American religious folk groups by Constantine Kermes will be exhibited in the galleries of the O'Shaughnessy Hall of Liberal and Fine Arts here through November 30th (2-5 p.m.).

A blend of new and old world concepts is readily recognized in the works of this 29-year-old artist who works in a Thoreau-like setting on one of Pennsylvania's wooded hills near Pittsburgh. It is in this "Workshop of the Woods," as Kermes calls it, that the artist develops his sketches into colorful paintings of the Pennsylvania Dutch, the rapidly disappearing Shakers, and the Spanish Americans of New Mexico.

Kermes' paintings, which are characterized by their simplicity, have often been compared to Greek icons. His racial and esthetic backgrounds are of the East and his works bear the influence of two of his uncles who are monks in Greek monasteries.

One art authority has analyzed Kermes' work as a "combination of sensitivity, seriousness of purpose, great energy, and profound Americanism." These qualities, the critic said, "augur for his becoming one of the important painters of the real American spiritual scene, rather than America's physical foibles."

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For release in PM's, Wednesday, Nov. 18th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 17 -- The Mediaeval Institute of the University of Notre Dame has inaugurated a new series of publications entitled "Texts and Studies in the History of Mediaeval Education." The Rev. A. L. Gabriel, director of the Institute and a specialist on mediaeval universities will be editor of the series and the Rev. Joseph N. Garvin, C.S.C., will serve as assistant editor.

The first publication off the press is "The College of Premontre in Mediaeval Paris" by James John, Browerville, Minnesota. The treatise is a study of the physical facilities and intellectual life of the 13th century institution. After receiving a master's degree in mediaeval studies at Notre Dame, John went to Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study, where he is a research assistant to Dr. E. A. Lowe, noted mediaevalist.

The Mediaeval Institute has a highly specialized library in the history of higher education in the Middle Ages. Its scholars devote much of their time to the editing of unknown texts of scholastic thinkers at these first universities.

Father Gabriel currently is preparing a history of Ave Maria College, at Paris, as part of the University of Notre Dame's contribution to the observance of the Marian Year recently proclaimed by Pope Pius XII.



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For release in AM's, Monday, Nov. 16th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. -- Dr. S. Rains Wallace, Jr., director of research for the Life Insurance Agency Management Association, Hartford, Connecticut, begins a series of three lectures today (Monday) before students and faculty members in Notre Dame's College of Commerce. He will be the third guest lecturer in the current series sponsored by the University's College of Commerce Advisory Council.

Wallace assumed his present post in 1947 after serving as chairman of Tulane University's psychology department. Much of the expansion and improvement in the Association's research and training program has been due to Wallace's broad background in psychology. He received his Ph. D. at the University of Virginia and later taught at Ohio State as well as Tulane.

Under Wallace's supervision, the Life Insurance Agency Management Association developed the Sales Method Index, the Aptitude Index, and a new Persistency Rater. The latter is highly accurate in predicting the persistency of a policy at the time of sale. Among Dr. Wallace's other innovations is the Recruiting Analysis Survey which analyzes the characteristics of new insurance agents and records their survival and performance during their first years in the business.

Wallace is the author of a number of Association publications and has contributed several articles to psychological journals and other publications. He will lecture today (Monday) at 2:30 p. m. in the Law Auditorium; Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall; and Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. in the Law Auditorium.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, Nov. 19th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. -- Three students of Notre Dame's College of Law will participate in the regional rounds of the National Inter-Law School Moot Court Competition opening today in Chicago. They are Joseph T. Helling, Elwood City, Pennsylvania; Carl F. Eiberger, Denver, Colorado; and Wilbur F. Pollard, Kansas City, Missouri.

Five other midwest law schools will be represented in the regional competition. They are Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; Loyola University of Chicago; the University of Chicago; and the Chicago-Kent School of Law.

The hypothetical case to be argued in the competition concerns the rights of a university professor to exercise his privilege against self-incrimination before a Congressional investigating committee and at the same time to avoid discharge from the university faculty for gross misconduct or incapacity.

Student teams from seventy law schools across the United States will take part in regional rounds to be held in eleven other cities. The winning teams will go to New York City where the final rounds of the argument will take place in December. The national competition is under the auspices of the Young Lawyers Committee of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

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For release in PM's, Monday, Nov. 30:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 30 -- Two new scholarships valued in excess of \$1800 each have been established in the Notre Dame College of Law, according to an announcement today by the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president. Father Hesburgh has designated that they be known as the John J. Cavanaugh Law Scholarships in honor of his predecessor, the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., who served as president of Notre Dame from 1946 to 1952.

The scholarships, which will provide tuition in the Notre Dame Law School for three years, will be awarded annually to a graduate of the University's College of Arts and Letters and to a graduating senior in the College of Commerce, Dean Joseph O'Meara, Jr., explained. The law school dean emphasized that the scholarships will be awarded only to students who have demonstrated exceptional scholastic ability.

Dean O'Meara listed four steps to be taken by those interested in the new scholarships. An applicant must submit the regular application form for admission to the Notre Dame College of Law. He must write a letter providing additional pertinent information including a description of his extra-curricular activities and student employment at the University. The applicant will be required to take the Law School Admission Test to be given at Notre Dame on February 20. Finally, he must submit a transcript of his undergraduate grades.

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For release in PM's, Friday, Dec, 4th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Dec. 4 -- The famed Fifth Army Band of Fort Sheridan, Illinois, will salute the University of Notre Dame on its coast-to-coast broadcast over the Mutual network tomorrow (Saturday, December 5) at 12:30 p.m. EST.

The 60-piece band, conducted by Chief Warrant Officer John P. Cochrane, will play the familiar "Notre Dame Victory March" and the beautiful "Notre Dame Our Mother."

The musical salute to Notre Dame will coincide with the climax of the 1953 football season for the "Fighting Irish". Notre Dame plays its last game of the year here tomorrow against Southern Methodist University.

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For release in AM's, Wednesday, December 2nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Dec. 1 -- Because so many Irish bachelors dodge Cupid's arrows and flee from the charms of the fair colleens, the Irish nation is in "grave danger of vanishing." This is the conclusion reached by the Rev. John A. O'Brien of the University of Notre Dame and a group of brilliant Irish writers, playwrights, novelists and scholars in The Vanishing Irish, just published by the McGraw Hill Co., New York.

The Irish of fiction, writes the priest at the home of the "Fighting Irish" is depicted as a dashing and romantic lover sweeping his colleen with impetuous and irresistible ardor to the altar. But in real life, Father O'Brien says, "he is a cagey old dodger of the matrimonial noose, a fellow who will keep company with a girl for five or ten years only to tell her at last that he has to look after his mother."

Maura Laverty, a leading Irish playwright who contributes a chapter to the book, backs up the Notre Dame priest. According to her, most Irishmen are poor lovers and have about as much ardor as a parsnip. "No woman in her senses," she says, "would trade one Spaniard for a whole team of All-Ireland hurling finalists, referee included."

The situation among the Irish in America, says Father O'Brien, is not quite as bad as in Eire where 61 per cent of the people are unmarried, but it's bad enough. Too many Irishmen here carry over the old bachelor habits and outlook from the "auld sod" to the detriment of themselves, the girls who should be their wives, and their country, Father O'Brien contends. "The result is that there are more old bachelors and spinters among the Irish in America than among any other national group more

Thirteen noted writers in Ireland, including Paul Vincent Carroll, Bryan MacMahon, Bishop Lucey of Cork, Mauna Lavery and Bishop McNamee of Ardagh agree with Father O'Brien, editor of the volume, that too few and too late marriages and emigration are threatening the existence of the Irish nation which has only half the population of a century ago.

The noted novelists, Kathleen Norris, Margaret Culkin Banning and Miriam Rooney, join Father O'Brien in proposing measures to induce more of the Irishmen in America to dally with Cupid and turn at least one ear to the wedding bells.

The contributors to The Vanishing Irish, Father O'Brien says, hope their efforts help forestall the disappearance of Irish from the face of the earth. "The world would be a dreary place without the smiles, wit and humor of the Irish," he said.

The book has been chosen as the book-of-the-month by the Irish Book Club of America.



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For release in AM's, Sunday, Nov. 29th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. -- Willem Dudok, the distinguished Dutch architect, will lecture on "Town Planning and Architecture as an Expression of Their Time" tomorrow (Mon., Nov. 30) at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus. Dudok's illustrated talk will be presented under the auspices of the University's architecture department and the Indiana Society of Architects, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Dudok is internationally known as a pioneer in the modern movement in Holland and a leader of his profession for more than thirty years. Unlike the severe, glassy and almost fragile-looking buildings designed by some of the French and German modernists, Dudok's designs are unmistakably Dutch: solid, simple and unpretentious. He builds mainly in brick, and his mark is the expert handling of the building mass, almost like compositions in vari-shaped building blocks.

In his conception of architecture, Dudok proceeds from the plan of the town and its surrounding countryside to the individual building, or vice versa, but always thinking of one in terms of the other. He is a proponent of the "restricted town," prevented from unlimited expansion by a surrounding greenbelt on which all building is forbidden. To handle a growing population he favors decentralized "satellite towns."

During his long and distinguished career the sixty-nine-year-old architect has won many honors including the Gold Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Gold Medals of the Hague and Hilversum. He is an Officer of the Order of Oranje-Naussau, a Knight of the Order of the Netherlands Lion, and an Officer of the Order of the Crown of Belgium.

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53/238	11/ 5/ 53	Johnny Lattner, Cover Story in TIME, NOV. 9
53/239	11/ 5/ 53	16 Annual Communion Sunday, Dec. 6 for Notre Dame Alumni
53/240	11/12/ 53	139 ND alumni listed in 1952-53 edition of Who's Who in America
53/241	11/12/ 53	Kensy report criticized by Dr.John J. Kane in Voice of St.Jude
53/242	11/12/ 53	LaFortune Student Center Formal Opening Nov.21,Iowa-Notre DameGame
53/243	11/12/ 53	50 Anniv. of Motu Proprio Observed at N D NOV.22
53/244	11/12/ 53	Bishop Sheen 's Life in Nov.Issue of THE CATHOLIC BOY /Booby Traps
53/245	11/12/ 53	Fr.O'Brien Addresses Religious Emphasis Week on Chief Marriage /
53/246	11/12/ 53	"Kiss Me Kate" at ND, Dec. 1-6, Dr.John D. Tumpane
53/247	11/12/ 53	Constantine Kermes Exhibition of 10 Paintings at O'Shaughnessy
53/248	11/12/ 53	Mediaeval Institute Inaugurates New Publications,Fr.Gabriel Editor
53/249	11/12/ 53	Dr. S. Rains Wallace, Jr. to Lecture in College of Commerce tion
53/250	11/12/ 53	3 ND Students to Participate in Regional Rounds Moot Court Competi
53/251	11/25/53	Two New Scholarships in ND College of Law Announced by Dean O'Mear
53/252	11/25/53	Fifth Army Band,Fort Sheridan Salutes ND Over Mutual Networks
53/253	11/25/53	The <u>Vanishing Irish</u> Published by McGraw Hill Co.
53/254	11/25/53	Willem Dudok,Dutch Architect to Lecture on Town Planning & Arch.