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The Temperature Rises.

Two weeks ago the Bulletin published a table which showed the fluctuations, day by day, from last year's record of Holy Communions. That was October 10. The number of Communions that day was 1049. On the following day the number was 1154. The figures apparently caught the eye of some laggards, who examined their consciences on graces lost. Then came Founder's Day to kill devotion, and the number dropped to 922. The Navy game brought it back to 1230. With no major distractions the past week a rather even record was made.

Today we present another table showing four weeks of fluctuations from last year's figures, repeating two weeks from the previous table in order to show that there is a gradual rise in fervor and that the long-delayed adjustment to the new dining hall is slowly coming. This table begins with September 25 and ends with October 23:

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
*136	*141	*74	*82	*134	-290	-223
*113	*72	-1	*85	*3	*635	*54
-78	-17	*65	*231	-75	*66	*15
*231	*121	*126	*184	*80	*60	*411
*640						

The minus sign(-) indicates a drop from last year's figure, and the asterisk (*) an increase this year. In explanation of the violent fluctuates noted above, consider the following facts:

1. The first Friday above is the 1926 First Friday, the second one is the 1927 First Friday of October;
2. The third Wednesday above shows Founder's Day last year, and the third Thursday the same holiday this year;
3. There was a student trip to Northwestern last year which appears on the fourth Saturday and fifth Sunday above; the second Saturday and third Sunday above show the student trip to Detroit this year.

A graphic comparison of this year with the three years preceding it will be found at the entrance to the basement chapel. And if you want to see the absolute figures for this year, here they are:

		440	459	578	626	771
1002	929	1090	1212	1224	1173	1295
1524	1477	1526	1555	1579	1583	1526
1433	1124	1142	1181	1138	1752	1239
1165	1049	1154	1109	922	1083	1230
1373	1117	1184	1205	1145	1196	1239
1376						

The grand total thus far this year is 48,251. Tomorrow we will pass 50,000.

Prayers.

The Novena for the Missions, in preparation for the feast of All Saints, began yesterday, and will end a week from today. Include also eight special intentions of student