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Anniversary Mass For Judge Wooten.

Tomorrow is the second anniversary of the death of Judge Dudley G. Wooten, a former member of the Law Faculty of the University. By request of Prof. DeLandero, the 6:50 Mass in the basement chapel tomorrow morning will be offered for the repose of this great convert to the Faith, whose Catholic days were devoted to such strenuous defense of the Church he came to know so late in life.

Cheap.

Some years ago a senior was taken to the hospital with a serious ailment. When the priest came - in response to his urgent call - he said: "I feel cheap about this. It seems that when I am well I have no time for God, and as soon as I get sick I yell. During my three years here I have received the Sacraments but once each year - on Trinity Sunday. But if I get out of this things are going to be different."

How different they were you may judge for yourself. He didn't receive Holy Communion on Trinity Sunday that year, nor on any other Sunday or weekday, up to the time he was dropped for low scholarship at the end of the Summer School. It was cheap, yes - very cheap.

The other day a student went out of here with a degree under his arm. Although he has not received the Sacraments the last two years, he accepted a degree from a school which is highly esteemed in his home community because of the school's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. That was also a bit cheap.

There are other seniors here, some of them living on the campus while others are begging for rooms, some of them holding down jobs while others are leaving for lack of funds.... who have not received the Sacraments at all this year or who have received only once or twice. That is cheap - very cheap.

There are some Protestant students here who never miss Mass on Sunday, and some who go to Mass every day; there are Protestants here who say the beads daily and visit the Grotto frequently, who do everything a Catholic may do except to receive the Sacraments, and who are, therefore, much better Catholics than some supposedly Catholic students. That isn't cheap - that's a sell-out!

Well, there is this much about it: Only God can see the heart, and He has told us not to judge -- but it is our duty to point out to careless Catholics, whoever and wherever they are, that the Judge will come "like a thief in the night," and that those who count on restricting their use of the Sacraments to the death-bed may not get a chance to receive them.

And another thing: Half a dozen non-Catholic students have been received into the Church this year; they have accepted the graces which Catholic students have rejected.

Offer Adoration For The Sick.

Your enthusiasm for the sick knows no bounds - on the negative side. During adoration today make up for some of your neglect during the Novena.

PRAYERS: Tony Conti needs prayers, but does not need visitors; they have retarded his progress up to the present. The other boys in the hospital are doing very well. Bob Heydon asks prayers for his mother and sister, who are ill with flu. A relative of John and Richard Carton died Sunday. A deceased friend, Dan McGlynn, Sr., of East St. Louis, father of three graduates, died a few days ago. Frank Canale's brother and sister are quite ill. Six special intentions.