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Up And At 'Em!

Now that you are back after two weeks of playing, get down to business without an overture. It's just as hopeless to sell the cronies on the speed of Ram's Neck Center as it was to convince the hometown yokels of the "inside" reasons for losing five football games.

Besides, you can't afford any more blowing. It's time to get down to work. Exams are a few days away, and if you don't get busy you may be in a mournful procession headed for the railroad station at the end of the month.

And nervous mothers and hard-boiled fathers and finicky aunts and giggling little cousins don't throw big receptions for returns-home such as that.

What to do? Get set with God. You can't do your best work, even psychologically, worrying along under a load of sin. Give God a real chance to help you by going to Holy Communion while you are preparing for your exams.

It's a lot more reasonable than to expect Him to put you over in a panic at the end.

And consider this: if you push out on time for Mass and Holy Communion every morning, you have a full day ahead in which to work.

It may be a good thing to plug into the night at poems and dramas and imaginative prose. But for clear assimilation, for sure and profound understanding of difficult problems, for fixing facts vividly in the memory, wide-awake study in the day is best.

Tonight, then, to Confession. Tomorrow morning, in full stride.

"Little Christmas."

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Epiphany (or Manifestation) of Our Lord. It is called "Little Christmas" because, just as the Church celebrates on Christmas day, God's Self-manifestation to the Jews through the Incarnation, so tomorrow she celebrates three tangible manifestations of His divinity to both Jew and Gentile.

The first of these three manifestations was made through the miraculous star which led the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem to adore Him and to offer Him mystical presents. The second was at Christ's Baptism at the Jordan when the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove and a voice from Heaven was heard saying: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased". The third was His first public miracle, when at the marriage feast of Cana He miraculously changed water into wine.

In the United States the Feast of the Epiphany is not a holy day of obligation, as it is in most other countries throughout the world. To all Catholics, however, it is one of the great feasts of the year, ranking in the Church's liturgy equal to that of Christmas. Keep the significance of the Feast in mind during Mass and Holy Communion tomorrow morning.

The Hang-over.

Your response to the First Friday leads us to believe that your heads as well as your feet are still full of lead. Shake yourself. This is a school, not a rest cure. Examinations are not far away.

Requiem Masses Monday For Prof. Phillips.

6:25 (students); 8:00 (faculty). (No interference with classes, however.)
PRAYERS: Paul Van Wagner (pneumonia); Ralph Ellwanger's father, ex-'01, deceased.