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Deficient - 699.

The midsemester report of the Director of Studies lists 699 students as deficient in one or more subject. According to classes they are listed as follows:

Freshmen.....	301	Seniors.....	68
Sophomores...	206	Special students.	3
Juniors.....	120	Postgraduate.....	1

The total of 699 represents 26.5% of the total enrollment of the University. Those deficient in more than one subject comprise 10.1% of the total enrollment of the University.

Now it is certain that there are many causes at work in these deficiencies. There are the cases of bad eyes and broken legs; there are the appendectomies and the neurasthenias. There are homesick boys and lovesick boys; there are misplaced vocations and dislocated ambitions. There are bluffs and there are drones; there are slaves of telephones. Excuses there are in plenty, but it is hard to find a new one.

Be that as it may, it is certain that the vast majority of those who have flunked have done so because they are poor guessers. Their aim was to "get by" and they fell just short of the mark.

That's not playing the game. That's not giving your parents a square deal. And this is Square Deal Year. (Consult your calendar of Holy Communions to find out what this means.)

Pray for sense. Surrender your radio to the rector if you find that it is a distraction or that it draws lounge lizards as honey draws flies. Lock your door. The time spent in idle conversation (if it were all only idle!) at Notre Dame would reach from here to there. Your face will be red when you are called to give an account of it at the Last Judgment.

Perhaps you need another mission. You certainly need something. And you will certainly get something. If you don't get busy now, if you don't make a novena and get off to a new start, you will have to face two alternatives - the axe in February, or summer school next June.

About Your Conversation.

Perhaps you need to be reminded of what you were told at the Mission about the kind of boys who participate in filthy conversation and brag about their evil deeds. There are three kinds of boys who do this: 1. The degenerate; 2. The immature, who haven't reached the emotional pitch their age demands, who have missed the sense of shame; 3. The cowards who know it is wrong, who despise themselves in their hearts for their participation, and yet who participate because they have a yellow streak.

Locating Nephew of Frank Hobin.

Authorities at Providence, Rhode Island, are holding, unclaimed, the body of a gentleman named Frank Hobin, who recently dropped dead. They have been informed that a nephew of Mr. Hobin attends Notre Dame. If so, will the nephew communicate at once with Father Boland, Prefect of Discipline?

PRAYERS: Deceased, friend of Phil Wack (Howard); friend of James Bookwalter (killed in an auto accident). Ill, grandfather of Walter O'Brien (Walsh); aunt of Tom and Frank Quinlan. Five special intentions.