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Champion For Sophomores.

"Dear Father:

"Last week I read "The Saints of Notre Dame" -- your sarcastic slam at us sophomores. You sure treated most of us unjustly. Take the football men in our class . . . clean-living, hard-working fellows, most all at the sacraments daily, not blushing with pink slips. Take other leaders in the class . . . regular fellows, maybe a little boisterous, romping all over Badin's front "lawn," but despite their sweatshirts, ragged and dirty, they're men-- Sophomores, not softies. They can take it. But they don't like to take this "saints of N.D." stuff. Saints are "sissies."

"Why not give us a chance? Any money we find ourselves. Our "neglect" of Christ is not malice. Sure, there's a certain amount of thoughtlessness. But you've got to expect that from Sophomores.

"And about life's problems, solving them all-- personally, I think I've never solved one. (She's a 'pip', Father). A pink slip in one of my Commerce subjects, not mentioning which one nor who the prof is, is proof I've at least one other problem to solve. So, you see, you were rash.

"You can't put an old head on a young body. A Sophomore 'ain't' supposed to be looking at things with the same mature judgment a Senior might bring to life-problems.

"You just give us real Sophomores a break. We'll not disappoint you.

A Transfer Student."

Dear Transfer Student:

Thanks for your trouble. You missed the point. Not by a long shot were most of you treated unjustly. The majority of the Sophs have been sleeping, physically, mentally, spiritually since the Cotillon. Communions are way down.

Don't tell us numbers don't count. They do. We're not stressing the numbers but what they mean. Most of you Sophs have not been frequenting the sacraments. You can't get around that. If you want to see the collected figures, drop around to 106 Howard Hall. We have the "dope" on you.

Accuse the Bulletin of sophistry, if you will, of drawing illogical conclusions. But don't try to say it draws this one: "Not all the Sophs go to daily Communion. Therefore all the Sophs are headed someplace they shouldn't be." No, there are a few exceptions. Exceptions everywhere: Lyons, Badin, Morrissey, Carroll. Some few of you haven't missed a day this fall.

Is there anything wrong in urging all of you to make daily Communion your rule? If sarcasm helps we'll use it. Why not take a hint? Instead of saying it all the stiff, formal way, the Bulletin is trying to re-awaken the Sophs to the ideals of Christ and His Church, the decrees of the popes on Communion-- trying to get them to use their privileges!

What keeps a Soph from using his privilege of daily Communion? (1) Indifference, (2) laziness, (3) thoughtlessness, (4) fear of confession (Hell is chock-full of towards) and (5) preference for sin.

Take your pick, Sophomore: "sissy" in Heaven, "know-it-all tough guy" in Hell. Start back to daily Communion tomorrow.