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Welcome Home, Frank.

Recently you said to someone that you liked to consider Notre Dame as your home. Our Lady, her faculty and her students are glad to welcome you -- home.

Last Fall the Bulletin ran a few lines from an official of the college which has so graciously released you to return home. It won't hurt to print again these lines:

"May God bless and prosper your work, and may you continue to send out men of the type of Frank Leahy, our football coach, who, in his own unobtrusive way, is a walking advertisement of all that Notre Dame stands for."

St. Edward's - "Hall of Men".

Last week's Scholastic carried a consoling scoop on the activities of some missionaries who "were greatly responsible for St. Ed's fine turnout at chapel Friday night (sic.) when they got up at 5:45 to roam the corridors of the 'hall of men' with a clanging cowbell...."

Maybe it was at night; then again, maybe it was Friday morning, because there was an increase in Communion over the preceding morning. The Communion skyrocketed from 11 to 12 (dropping back to 9 Saturday morning). We hope and trust that the extra Friday morning communicant had his prayers answered. There is an old campus axiom applicable to St. Ed's: "Whenever God hears a strange voice He answers the prayer immediately, lest he faint from the effort."

Harvard's Hardening Up -- Like St. Ed's!

Prof. Pitirim A. Sorokin, head of the Harvard University sociological department, thinks that a group of students should be made to live a monastic existence for 20 years in order to furnish leadership.

America is getting too soft, he recently argued. Soft living and moral laxity, as in the decline of the Roman empire, are undermining the power of the state. Life for students is too soft. There is too much easy living at Harvard. The students are fat and lazy from having too much to eat and to drink. They live too luxuriously in their separate houses. Their beds are too soft. "Harvard should remove the soft mattresses from the students' bedrooms and substitute hard planks." He went on:

"The twentieth century is the bloodiest, most revolutionary, in world history, and I do not expect any end to the mess until education leads the way toward a restoration of the morality that mankind once possessed."

It's encouraging to Catholic educators to hear you say that, Professor. But there are two questions we'd first like to ask. For whom do you wish to train leadership -- for the state exclusively, or for the Kingdom of God and the state? Can morality be restored by a philosophy of education which, in the universities and colleges, ignores or denies a personal God, the spiritual soul of man and all the objective standards of truth and goodness? More tomorrow, but in the meantime our Catholic students can profit from ----

---- Catholic Press Exhibit, Badin Rec. room, after the noon and evening meals. Stop in to browse over the Catholic magazines and newspapers. All welcome, everything free.

---- Adoration, for Forty Hours and Lent, beginning next week. Canvassing this week. PRAYERS. Deceased: Father of Henry Streicher (Cav); Grandmother of David Curtin (B-P); Ill: Friend of Alex Crow (O-C); Grandmother of Jack Joyce (Dil); Friend of Dick Condon (Cav); Cousins of G. Fisk (Ly) and Bill Lukoskie (Bad). 7 Spec. Int.