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Thanks.

Thanks for the questionnaires handed in before vacation. They were helpful in all ways: - to you as a check-up; to the Prefect as a general picture of the spiritual state of the campus.

Your frank remarks and questions were helpful too. The Bulletin will discuss as many as possible in future issues. We need about 300 more questionnaires to make the returns representative.

Questionnaire Remarks And Questions.

ATTENTION R.K. You said to use those initials (not your own) to signal to you. You evidently have some honest doubts. You can discuss the matter with any priest, but the Prefects of Religion are specially appointed for problems like yours, to help you unload your worries. Anything, incidentally, that you say in the office is always treated with the same inviolability as that of the confessional. That secrecy certainly is sufficient protection against any fears, isn't it?

Come on over, alone or with friends, to any of the Prefects. Bring along, if you can discover, the sophomore who says he can't find any priest who is interested in him. You won't find another college in the country, in the world, where, for example, thirty priests morning or night sacrifice their time to go out hearing confessions because they are interested in you - the best part of you, your soul.

Nor is there another college in the world where, if you hesitate to talk with rectors, prefects or professors, then there are three priests, Prefects of Religion, who are appointed exclusively to help you with your worries of any kind or with your complaints and who have utterly no authority or disciplinary power.

Nor do you have to pull your punches with the Editor. He isn't sensitive. He isn't easily shocked or easily hurt. He can vividly recall his student days here, including his kicks which he also had because he too was, and is, human.

Both of you, come on over - and let him prove it.

Ques. Why not be more frank and detailed on offenses against the 6th Commandment?

Ans. Because the Bulletin doesn't wish to stress too much the negative side of purity - the "don't" side. The positive side and appeal is much more effective and lasting. Too much Bulletin reference to the "don'ts" would offend some students and, as one student the other day said, "would give outsiders the idea we are a bunch of morons" - which you aren't.

But some detailed and frank treatment is necessary, so just before Easter we ordered several hundred pamphlets aptly titled "Frank Youth Quizzes on Sex". Published by Rumble and Carty, Radio Replies, St. Paul, Minn., they are quite frank on free love, sex education, courtship and allied subjects.

Is Dad Worth It?

Among the heroes of the present age is the self-made father who is working his son's way through college. When it comes to distributing recognition and awards to heroes, Dad is so often skipped over, taken for granted. You can prove he is a hero to you by making the Novena for Fathers beginning Tuesday. It will consist of 9 Masses, Communions and Rosaries plus a Novena card mailed to him. More details Monday.  
PRAYERS: (deceased) brother of Ed McLaughlin; anniv of Judge Harold Burdick; friend of Jim Duggan (How); Mr. John Walsh; Mr. Charles Richardson, C.S.C. (seminary). 8 sp. ints.