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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! Read This.

Monday, November 5, is the deadline for applying for Selective Service college qualification test for student deferment. . . Do not delay.

If (1) you want to be considered by your Local Draft Board for student deferment to continue your studies (undergraduate or graduate); if (2) you are registered for the Draft; and if (3) you have not previously taken the Test. . . then apply immediately and in person to the OFFICE OF MILITARY INFORMATION, Main Building, for the application. The APPLICATION must be postmarked not later than midnight, November 5.

Immaculate Heart.

Through the courtesy of the President of the Sacred Heart International Foundation Fund of Omaha you will receive an Immaculate Heart holy card, on the back of which is the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We are grateful to Mr. Gordon W. Diesing, who made this distribution possible. Extra copies of this holy card are available at the pamphlet racks in Cavanaugh, Howard and Dillon.

Keep it on your desk. Let it be a reminder for clean conversation.

The Prolonged Week-end.

Thursday is the feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. . . Friday is the feast of the Poor Souls and also First Friday. . . Whether you are traveling or not, mark these two days for Holy Communion.

There is no point in beginning the customary Novena for the Poor Souls until you return. This exodus in reverse will be the time to knuckle down to give the Poor Souls a lift.

We know little of the decrees of God in particular cases, but we do know that the Poor Souls can do nothing for themselves. We can help them; they can help us. We will know a little more how that works when our own turn comes to die.

A plenary indulgence may be gained from noon Thursday until Friday evening for every visit you make to the church, any parish church, provided you receive the Sacraments on one or other of those days, and that you offer six Paters, Aves and Glorias for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. These indulgences are applicable only to the Poor Souls, not to ourselves.

We like to presume that our loved ones are in heaven. That's charitable. But the spiritual laggard uses this pious hope to cloak his own laziness. Among the causes for the condemnation of the damned is neglect of Him in the person of the afflicted; "I was sick and in prison," He will say to the cursed, "and you did not visit Me."

Get A Load Of This.

The 10 o'clock Mass on football week-ends finds visitors standing in the aisles, elderly men and women, mothers and fathers of your classmates, and others. Not once have we seen our "contemplatives" (those contemplating their own ease) offer their pews to visitors. Maybe we're old-fashioned, but it seems we need old-fashioned courtesy. Respect for elders and thoughtfulness of visitors may mean nothing to lugs and the irresponsible klunks who leave Mass during or shortly after the distribution of Holy Communion. . . We need more culture around here? Why, culture is the refinement of civilization. Let's be civilized first, then talk about culture.