

Christmas; buy your girl
friend a good one.

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closes with adoration Tuesday
4:30--5:30.

Deserving Of All Praise.

The Ladies of Notre Dame--wives of faculty members and administrative employees--extend a cordial invitation to all students, both graduate and undergraduate, who are remaining here for the Christmas vacation to be their guests for real home-cooked Christmas dinners.

If these students will please leave their names, addresses, and telephone numbers at the Placement Bureau, ground floor, Main Building, they will each be invited to have this Christmas dinner with a Notre Dame family. Placement Bureau telephone: 275.

Jim Aoki Will Remember.

An ounce of thoughtfulness on your part will be worth a pound of cure. Send your card or letter now before you forget. His address: HOSPITAL FOR CHRONICALLY ILL, ROCKY HILL, Conn.

B-4 You Leave. . . Receive.

No matter how long are your wings, your mother will not want to kiss her angel if his face is dirty. Not only do our faces get dirty but our hands. . . and our souls. We have to wash our souls as well as our face and hands. Unless God's grace sustains us we are never clean for long. How easy it is to fall back into selfishness and neglect.

If you plan confession before your leave do not wait until Wednesday morning. Go tonight. Push the buzzer twice. And receive the day you leave.

Hold The Initiative.

If you get into religious discussions with misinformed but well-intentioned non-Catholics keep the initiative. Don't let yourself be maneuvered into a defensive position. This point is always in your favor. You know your Catholic faith is true but you may not know every reason why. Your religion classes teach you to know the reasons why you are right. On the other hand, if your opponent contradicts Catholic doctrine or moral you know a priori he is in error. Push him to prove he is right.

Be aggressive. Don't lose the ball. You'll never score a touchdown without it.

Sciamachy!

The devil is no imaginary foe. Nor is he a pushover. His sole rotten purpose is to trap you into committing a mortal sin, or a long series of venial sins which he knows will predispose you for the "big" sin. The agnosticism he fosters is having its day. Its secularistic possibilities sound lovely in the idylls of propagandists; its sordid realities look bad when they are headlined on the front page.

But before you condemn the "mink colts" search your own conscience. Perhaps you have misappropriated your spending money this fall, wasting it. The point now is, waste some of it on God's poor. Alms-giving has always been an appropriate form of penance; it serves a double purpose: atonement and charity.

Make A Fuss.

Make a fuss over what your parents give you; make a fuss over them. Most parents, when they can, spoil their children by doing too much for them. Thank God if they are not able--high taxes, you know--to spoil you with excessive gifts. Make their Christmas happy by letting them know in your own way that it is themselves you appreciate rather than their gifts. . . The two ch's--charity and chastity--cause us the most difficulty. But remember this: IF CHARITY IS IN ORDER. . . EVERYTHING ELSE IS IN ORDER.