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LAST NIGHT'S SENATE-SPONSORED VISIT TO THE Grotto may very well turn out to be the most successful Senate-sponsored event of the year. Three thousand of you gathered at the feet of Our Lady and, with voices many of you discovered for the first time on Saturday afternoon, prayed her rosary in observance of National Catholic Youth Week, the feast of Christ the King, and the conclusion of our Fall Festival. On a campus which has been the scene of many great rallies, we need never be concerned about spirit so long as men turn out for a rally such as last night's to pray not just for a game victory but for victory in the more important battle of life.

O And speaking of new-found voices. One of the men in Lyons left a note at the office Saturday night. "How about that for spirit?" And he continued, "If you say anything in the Bulletin about today's game, you might sum it up in the words of an eight year-old lad I overheard as he passed the crowd gathered at the Irish dressing room after the game: 'You'd think they'd won!!' Yes, that was the impression. With the team behind by three touchdowns, a new spirit filled the cheering section, and didn't die, even after we had lost, but continued right out of the stands and around to the dressing room. And a lot of people noticed this. A lot of people were reminded that Notre Dame never likes to lose, but that some of the greatest demonstrations of spirit have followed upon a defeat.

O Those who will take their determination and wet rain-coats to Baltimore on Friday are reminded that Saturday is the Feast of All Saints, and a holy day of obligation. Trippers will attend a special Mass upon arrival in Baltimore.

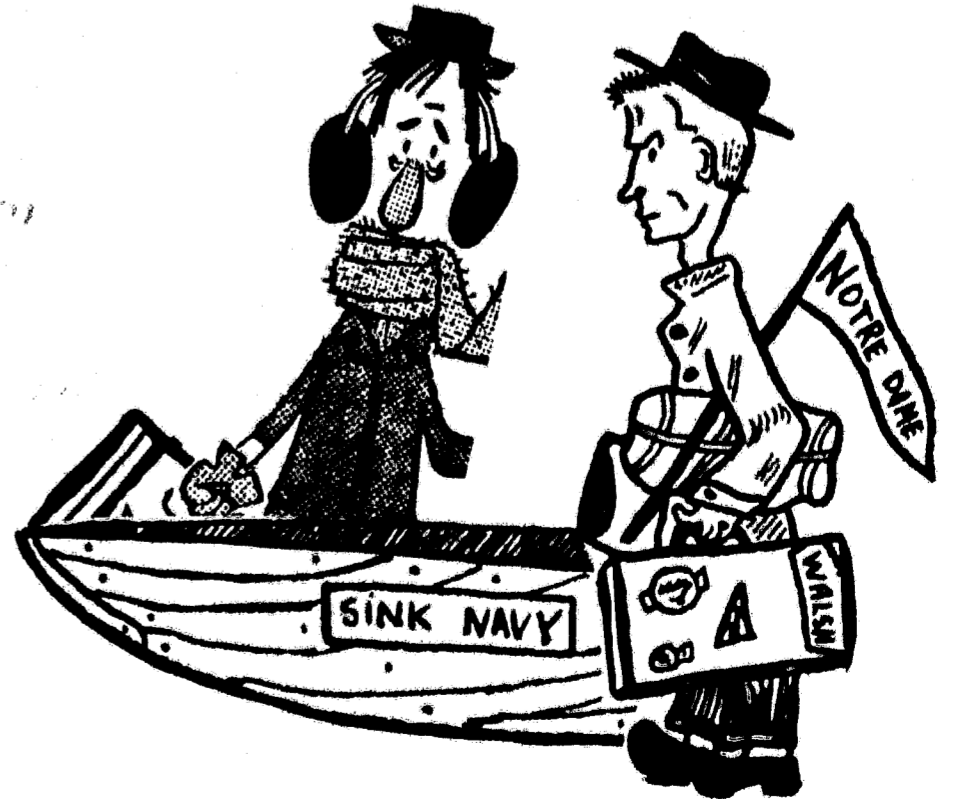
PRAYERS REQUESTED: Deceased: Three friends of Joe Cooney of Pangborn (killed in an automobile accident enroute to last Saturday's game); the Cardinal Archbishop of Detroit who died Saturday in Rome; Congressman Simpson of Illinois; friend of Dan Palmer of Morrissey; father of Rev. Thomas J. Brennan, C.S.C. of Lyons hall; mother of Rev. George DePrizio, C.S.C.;


grandfather of Bill Flora of Lyons; great-grandmother of Bruce (of Badin) and Brian (of Farley) Casacchi; cousin of Dave Gallo of Lyons; grandmother of Don McGann of Pangborn. Ill: Father of Jack Lofy of Zahm; relative of Charles Saad of Howard.

POPE PIUS XII, just a few days before his death, said: "No one is so humble but that he has angels to attend him." The late Holy Father went on to reiterate that angels and devils are realities, more real than the people we meet on the street, more concerned about our ultimate salvation or damnation than we are ourselves.

O And speaking of concern for one's salvation, it is reported that some may have taken their Legion of Decency pledge lightly in recent days!! *HORRORS!* *NO!* *SHOCKING!* Let there be any doubt about it, the National Legion of Decency has announced that the movie, "Iliad" has been evaluated in Class C--condemned. "This film seriously offends Christian and traditional standards of decency by reason of gross suggestiveness in costuming." While it's true a local theater ran the film before the Legion's rating appeared, still the ability to judge something of this sort on the basis of title and advertisement is what **SEPARATES THE MEN FROM THE BOYS.** *DO!*

ONCE AGAIN, YOU ARE REMINDED that anyone who still has not signed up to learn how to serve Mass should do so with Don Gillies in 327 Walsh, or leave he can leave his name at the Spiritual Commissioner's box in the Senate office. Classes begin Nov. 5.





UP ANN ARBOR way over the week-end, city police, state police, and sheriff's deputies were busy breaking up a football gambling racket which reportedly took \$10,000 weekly from student pocketbooks.

Police said the gambling involved the so-called football "spot cards". The "spot" is the number of points by which each team is favored for a game. The cards will usually list about thirty of the nation's top college games. The bettor gives or takes a certain "point spread". And he must usually have at least four correct choices on which he collects at odds of about 9 to 1.

NOW, GAMBLING, WHILE NOT IN ITSELF WRONG, is so open to abuse that it must normally be strictly regulated. I suppose it's possible that a man, as they say, "gets gambling in his blood", so that gambling for him becomes a vice. Some men must stay completely away from gambling in any form, not because it is objectively wrong, but because of the personal danger of excess. State and city laws are designed to take into account the effect of moral laxity on the common good, and for this reason apparently, the parlay card is outlawed as it has been operating around Ann Arbor.

LAST WEEK an interesting note came to my desk. It went like this:

"Just about this time every year everybody's looking for a "sure thing on the parlay cards. Many went ahead and spent the cash they knew they would make on their choice of Auburn over Georgia Tech. But, it didn't happen; did it? And there is always the "lucky" player who will insist on betting the most valuable thing he has-- his immortal soul. And, the bet?

Wh why, it's the sort he'd normally call a "sucker bet". He thinks he's not going to die in his present state of mortal sin! But the odds are getting to be poorer with each passing week!

IF YOU ARE THE KIND WHO HAS fallen for the "sucker bet", ask your room-mate how to recoup your losses.

IF YOU EXPECT TO DEBATE the morality of parlay cards during the remainder of the season, or with friends during the holidays, keep these rules in mind.

- 1) You are permitted to wager only in terms of what the civil law permits.
- 2) You may wager only what is not needed for satisfying other obligations, such as paying your debts.
- 3) The contract must be truly a contract of chance.
- 4) There must be no cheating. Winnings through cheating are acquired by fraud and must be returned.
- 5) Odds and handicaps should be offered by the favored side, but may be waived by the other side.

MAYBE THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, however, is this. How many students today can actually afford to wager one, ten, or a hundred dollars? From all reports the labor situation last summer didn't favor very many.

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