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THIS EVENING, AT 7:30, in the Engineering Auditorium, Father A.L. Meloche delivers the third of the current Marriage Institute lectures. His topic will be "Sanity and Sex". The lecture is open to seniors who subscribed to the 1959 Marriage Institute lecture series.



Knights of Columbus

are conducting a membership drive now. If you have been planning to join, drop in before the weekend at the Council chambers in Walsh Hall.

The word "Lent" itself is the Old English word for "spring." Spring house-cleaning, new spring clothes, the feeling of new life and hope express a universal human reaction to the renewal of nature. The first warm winds, the first flowers and buds give us all an unaccountable hope and joy—unaccountable until we realize that spring is only a picture God gives us of what the Redemption means.

— M. P. Ryan

● TOMORROW EVENING, February 19, at 8:00 Rev. John M. Cesterreicher, director of the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University will lecture in the Rockne Memorial Lounge. His subject: "A Catholic Looks at Martin Buber".

As a medical student in Vienna, Fr. Cesterreicher was

led by Cardinal Newman's writings to convert to Catholicism.

In 1927 he was ordained a priest. During recent years, he has travelled extensively to lecture about some modern Jewish thinkers who seem

to have approached Christianity in their lives, their spiritual adventures, and in their thought.



● EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT continues daily from Noon until 4:45 in the Lady Chapel, Sacred Heart Church.

● YOUR PRAYERS have been requested for the following: Deceased: Brother of Fr. Charles Beremus, S.S.C.; friend of Dick Juliani of Badin; Victor G. Yawman, '26; William Powers; Anna Gubach; Thomas Ryan; Sr. Joseph Clare; Sr. M. Kateri. Ill: Grandfather of Jim and Dan MacDonald of Dillon; aunt of Jerry McEllynn of Dillon; Mr. Rockwell, manager of the East Dining Hall; friend of John Guzzo of Morrissey; Sr. Francis Claire, S.S.J.; grandfather of Tom Piofchan of Walsh; uncle of Don Harris of Keenan.



NOW THAT YOU KNOW exactly what your profs thought of your performance during the semester just ended, it may afford you some consolation to know that the faculty at a small college in Kentucky saw fit at the end of the semester to flunk out or put on probation almost a third of its student body. 38 of the school's 743 students were flunked out and 225 were placed on probation. Students elsewhere had their troubles, too. At a school in the deep south, 70% of the Physics students were failed. "They just weren't prepared", the faculty said.

WERE THERE SOME OF YOU who were unprepared, too? And did you fail the course? Or, did you take the only way out, resorting to a "cheat-sheet". Or, while your conscience might not have permitted you to cheat in a test, did it permit you to make off with an "outside reading" book from the library, so you wouldn't fail the course?

IF YOU FAILED a course, and know it was your fault, you need some advice on responsibility. If you resorted to some form--any form--of cheating, either early or late in the semester, you need some advice on honesty.

REMEMBER THIS about responsibility. Whatever responsibility you acquire here by the organization of your class work and the scheduling of your time is going to be an invaluable aid in establishing the work habits you'll need for the rest of your life. Good study habits give rise to perseverance, industry, and orderliness, which for you, here and now, might well be good guages of responsibility.

BUT, IF YOU GOT BY through dishonesty (and if only one of you did, that's one too many), don't feel you've got it made. Look for your conscience to start kicking up soon. Sure, you may find that some of your friends are

sympathetic towards your cheating. They may get a few "kicks" out of the flair with which you carry it off without being caught. But don't feel hurt if they lock their door every time they leave the room. And don't be surprised if you never hear from them after graduation.

TODAY, many seem morally undisturbed by the wrong-doing they see going on about them. I'll grant you, in business today there are a lot of men who argue, "a fast buck is a good buck". Still, the fact remains: cheating is cheating, whether it takes the form of using a "cheat-sheet", stealing an exam, or lifting a book from the library so as to guarantee getting the assigned reading done.

DURING THESE DAYS when "On-the-Rocks" Rudy is on the wagon and Big "D" Don is watching his waist-line, it mightn't be a bad idea for "Cheat-Sheet" Charlie to mend his ways, too.

A FEW DAYS AGO, George Sokolsky remarked:

The immorality of our times is most clearly articulated not in the over-emphasis on sex, or in the general tendency of small sects of intellectuals to pervert the truth to suit their theories, but in the disregard of falsehood.

BUT THIS IS JUST TO REITERATE what some writers have been saying for a long time. Americans, ourselves included, need to recognize there's a pretty wide gap between individual morality and the moral standards implicit in our form of government. The essence of a free society turns largely about our individual sense of moral responsibility. And, if this is true of us as Americans, how much more so it should be true of us who call ourselves "Catholic".

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