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THURSDAY EVENING, AT 6:45, IN SACRED HEART CHURCH, A CHANCE FOR PRAYERS FOR A SAFE JOURNEY, BENEDICTION, CHRISTMAS CAROLS. MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS TO BE THERE AND, IF NEED BE, GET TO CONFESSION.

● TONIGHT AT 8:00, IN WASHINGTON HALL, FR. HESBURGH WILL SPEAK TO THE STUDENT BODY ON "ATOMS FOR PEACE". THE LECTURE IS SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT SENATE, AND ONE IN THE DISTINGUISHED LECTURES SERIES.

● THE LATE MORNING MASSES IN SACRED HEART CHURCH WILL END AT NOON ON SATURDAY. THE LATE MORNING MASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 4. THE SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE IN SACRED HEART CHURCH DURING THE HOLIDAYS WILL BE: 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 in the Crypt; 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, and 11:30 in the upper church. ON SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 3, THERE WILL BE A MASS IN THE CHURCH AT 7:00 P.M.

● AS PAUL HARVEY WOULD SAY: "Good Pope John has done it again!" The Holy Father has ordered a change in the rule requiring fast and abstinence on the vigil of Christmas. Hereafter, we have permission to anticipate the obligation of fast and abstinence, transferring it from December 24th to December 23rd. So, this year, all must abstain from eating meat on Wednesday, December 23rd, and those over 21 must fast.

● THE FOLLOWING romantic drama was in our mail recently. It originally appeared in the St. Vincent's College Bulletin:

REQUIEM FOR A HEAVYDATE

Setting: A moonlit night; a parked car; Montovani's violins; My Sin perfume; a madonna statue on the dashboard.

He: (with usual animation) You're lovely, tonight.

She: (bewitched by his originality) You still know the right things to say.....You're nice, too.

He: (hushed, and fervent) I only wish....(he chokes up)

She: (enchanted) I know...I know. But....(she chokes up)

He: (to himself) I'll behave ...if she insists. I won't do anything she doesn't want me to do.

She: (to herself) I hope he respects me....Of course, he's stronger than I am....and, he goes to a Catholic college.


He: (to himself) It's up to her to call "Time Out"....But, then,it's vacation....and they say she's not a prude...

She: (to herself) I can't have him thinking I'm a prude....

(Lights fade; violins swell; then OBLIVION.)

Epilogue: He sinned. She sinned. She blamed him. He blamed her. GOD BLAMED BOTH.

● PRAYERS. Deceased: Cousin of Ed McGrath of Badin; aunt of Ted Sarphe of Pangborn; grandmother of Walter Willihnganz of Lyons; friend of Larry Brekka of Pangborn; uncle of Joe Keating of Pangborn; father of Peter McCabe, ex'57. Ill: Father of Dick Meece of Lyons; aunt of Joe Keating of Pangborn.



WHETHER YOU PULL IN SATURDAY NIGHT, SUNDAY NIGHT, OR MONDAY NIGHT, chances are the folks, alongwith Major the Mutt, and Felix the Cat, will be at the door to meet you. Sure, they'll be wondering what surprises you've brought them from Brother Conan's Gift Center. Chances are, too, however, they'll be wondering how long you'll be in the house before you'll be wanting to take the car and start making the rounds.

HERE'S A PRE-HOLIDAY SUGGESTION. This year, why not be sensible and keep the "snow-jobs" to a minimum? Man has a natural impulse to tell the truth. Lying, on the other hand, is hard work...to say nothing of its being the most common of all the sins by which a man shows weakness of character and offends God. Ever notice, when you're "snowing" someone, how your breath skips and halts, your pulse quickens, you tense up, blink, and swallow often?

YOU'RE LONG PAST THE AGE when the annual visit of the big jolly man in the big red suit brings an improvement in your behavior. But, you're at the age where your folks have the right to expect that you won't lie about the mileage you put on the family bus, or the performance you turned in at Mid-semesters, or your expenditures at Cecil's!

LEVEL WITH THEM, TOO, about their chances of getting to see you around the house occasionally during the holidays. And, finally, if you've made any promises to your kid-brother, make sure you keep them (even though he does beat you to the car occasionally).

MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS one you'll look back on as truly "Great!" Honesty will be a big factor in determining whether it is or not.

Jim Brarman, etc.
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