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Nothing else says

QUALITY

quite so convincingly

as the impression many of you will leave on Chicagoans this week-end. Keep in mind that in the past some have done some pretty crazy things when victory intoxicated them. To pray for victory, and then commit mortal sin to celebrate it comes very close to tempting God. To pray for victory and then fail to thank God for it, this is childish ingratitude. When there are 3000 at Mass and Communion on the day before a game, and only 1500 on Monday, how is it possible to claim that we are truly grateful? Both in Chicago and back here again, the school's honor is at stake. You, as well as the team, represent Notre Dame. And it's the school that's blamed if you kick up your heels or prove ungrateful on return. Keep it in mind.

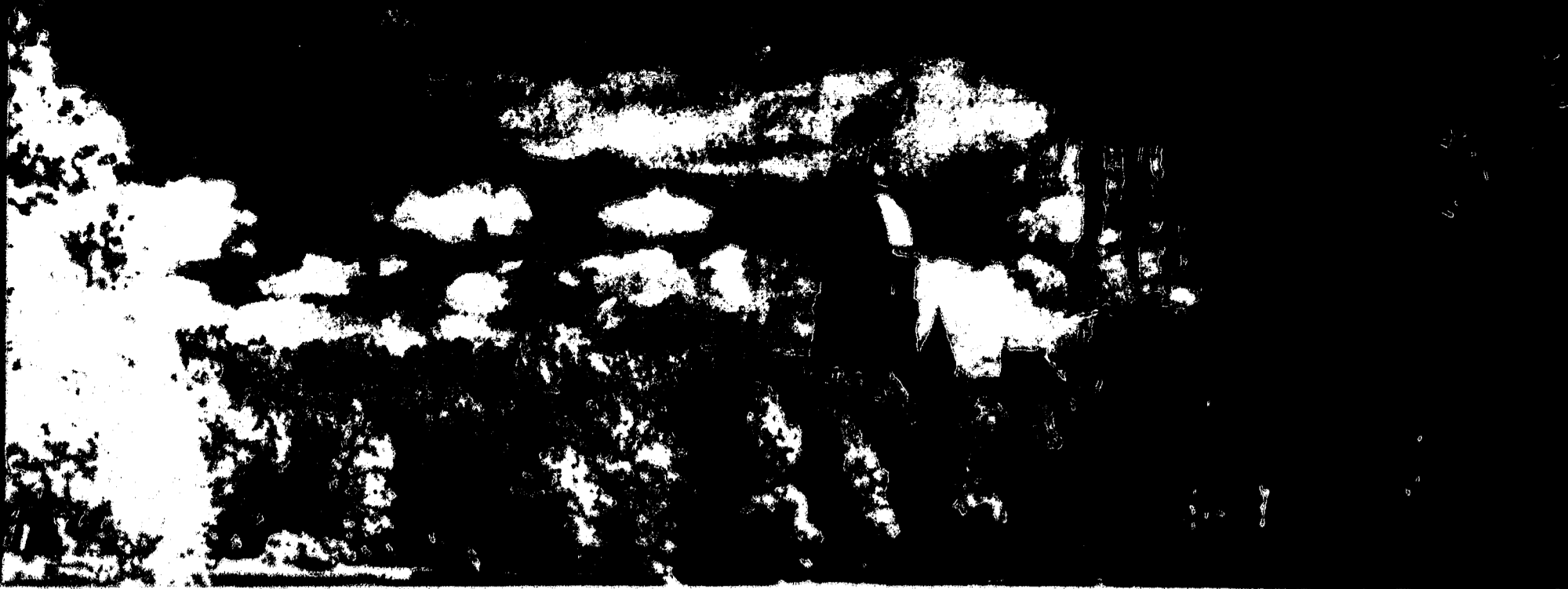
● **HOW IN THE NAME OF COMMON SENSE** can a student go around here nursing a spiritual cancer for months? It's hard to understand how a man who is not afraid to sin is nevertheless afraid to go to confession. Doesn't he realize that his secret dies with the priest as soon as the confessional slide closes? A spiritual cancer is a sin or a condition that eats away at the spiritual life. It's sure to grow if it isn't cured--it can't help it. Growth is inevitable in the spiritual life, and if it isn't upwards it's sure to be downwards. If you've something on your conscience, absolution is all you need. Go to confession like a man. If you need counselling, see a priest; that's what he's ordained for. Don't wait for the priest to send for you. There's hardly a night the Chaplains' offices aren't crowded. And when business is so good, it's hard to find the leisure time to go beating the bushes for the bashful ones.

● **ONCE IN A WHILE**--not every day, it's true--we get requests for back-numbers of the Bulletin. They're kept in the cabinet in the Pamphlet Room on the first floor of Dillon. You're welcome to help yourself.

● **A NOVENA IS A NINE-DAYS PRAYER.** It can be any prayer said nine successive times. It doesn't matter if the days are continuous or separated as in the case of the Nine Fridays. At Notre Dame, it's customary to receive Holy Communion each day in addition to saying the prayer--and the custom has much to commend it. We'd just caution you against the so-called "never-fails" kind of novena. These are always making their appearance.

● **DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO SERVE MASS?** If you do, give your name to Bro. James in the sacristy of Sacred Heart Church. As soon as he has a sufficient number, Brother will begin a servers' class. There's no reason for anyone leaving Notre Dame without knowing how to serve Mass.

● **PRAYERS. Deceased:** Aunt of Bill Maguire of Fisher; Prof. Henry Froning, former Dean of the College of Engineering; grandmother of Mike Curtin of Alumni; father of Dr. James P. '48, and Robert L. Rotchford, '49; Robert G. West, '50; Alvin F. Hans, '28. Ill: James Cross, '28. One special intention.



ROSS BAGDASARIAN'S agonized cry is always directed at a singing chipmunk. But it sure would come in handy once in a while to call to task the wayward hereabouts. At this time of year, one of the featured attractions for the wayward is gambling.

YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, that to gamble is not a sin in itself. But it can easily become a sin. In itself, there isn't anything more sinful about staking fifty cents or a dollar on a parlay card than there is in using the same amount for a show or some other form of amusement. However, it becomes a sin if any of the following factors is present.



CHIPMUNK ALVIN

I. **EXTRAVAGANCE.** The amount spent in gambling may easily go beyond what one is entitled to use for amusement.

II. **INJUSTICE TO OTHERS** in non-payment of debts. Gamblers are prone to let their obligations to others rest lightly on their shoulders.

III. **DISOBEDIENCE.** If your parents are supporting you and they forbid you to spend your money gambling, you're committing a sin if you disobey.

IV. **RISK OF SUSPENSION.** Getting caught is no sin, but it is a sin to take a risk that might jeopardize your education and will bring sorrow to your parents as well as loss to yourself. The school forbids gambling under heavy penalties because it has so many dangers for the student.

V. **THEFT.** This may come in two ways: cheating, and stealing to make up losses--always in the hope that the loser will be able to restore the money immediately.

VI. **BAD HABIT.** Gambling that wouldn't otherwise be sinful can become so, if a student finds an inordinate attachment to it.

LOOK OVER these reasons and determine if you can afford to gamble during the season when this sport has a habit of reviving. You might even add a few reasons of your own--drawn from sad experience. An experience like....say having your father unleash his wrath on you.

