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Ember Days.

Today and tomorrow. No meat in town tomorrow.

The Novena.

Football Novena, September 19-27. With all the Saints in Heaven and all the poor Souls in Purgatory working for the team, we ought to have a pretty good season. We're not interested in the devils in Hell, and we don't want their support.

The Mission.

Why did you come to Notre Dame? To give the devil his due? You could do that for less money somewhere. If you're interested in a Catholic education, start with a good house-cleaning. Make the Mission with all the pep and fervor and love of God you can command.

The Pledge.

The fellow who will "try anything once" generally balks on trying the pledge. Be square with yourself: take it for three months -- and keep it with the help of God in daily Communion. The Bulletin's campaign for the pledge last spring had some wonderful results. The only kick about it came from South Bend bootleggers.

The Formula.

"In memory of the Sacred Agony of Our Blessed Lord and of His Thirst upon the Cross, I promise to abstain from all intoxicating liquors for the next three months."

Polygamous Freshmen.

One Freshman last year corresponded more or less regularly with thirty-six girls. That would be good even for a Turkish university. Unfortunately, our laws allow only one wife at a time. Try to pick out one girl who will be an inspiration to you, and chuck the other thirty-five. That will give you more time for your prayers.

The One Girl.

Unless a girl is an inspiration to you, it's foolish to fall in love; and no girl can be an inspiration unless she commands your respect. God gave you the marriage instinct, and He gives you a girl who will meet your highest ideals. If your ideals are not high, you have no business in a Catholic university.

Prayers.

Four students and one graduate ask prayers for relatives and friends who are sick, and one student for a deceased uncle.

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