"It is rather late for me to acknowledge personally the very fine contribution made by the student body of Notre Dame to our Washington Statue Fund. Your letter was addressed to Our Sunday Visitor, and it was only a few days ago that I learned that the offering (of $510) was sent to Mr. Fink by you.

"I want you and the students to know that I appreciate greatly this excellent cooperation.

"Praying that the Lord may be good to you during the New Year...."

Artebus The Goof; And No. 2.

Artebus is a goof. He comes to the caf day after day, orders the costliest cuts, fills his tray with choice green vegetables and fruits, pays the freight, and then starts conniving.

Phillup is his "friend." Phillup is not dumb. Artebus the Goof connives against Phillup.

This way: day by day Artebus relieves himself of the "burdens" of eating by surrendering his food to appetitious Phillup. A convenient frame-up, thinks Artebus the Goof.

Phillup says nothing, just goes on eating day after day the food that Artebus pays for.

No. 1 and No. 2 sit side by side in the same classroom. No. 1 pays $600 a year (of his father's money) and nine months of his own time for an education. No. 2 pays the same.

But No. 1 thinks when he hears the professor talk, studies class matter carefully, does the duties which the professor assigns. All in all, conservatively speaking, No. 1 knows his huckleberries.

As for No. 2: he knows a short-cut to college education. He gets No. 1 to do his work. No. 2 never thinks in class (or out of class) except about shampoos and rhumbas. At exam-time he sits painfully close to No. 1, his helpful neighbor.

No. 1 knows a thing or two. No. 2 knows his rhumbas.

He who approve of No. 2's action will applaud the "strategy" of Artebus the Goof.

Alma Mater.

"Alma Mater" originally comes, it is said, from the students of the ancient University of Bonn, situated in Western Prussia. Over the entrance to that world-famous institution there was a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother. Students looking up to that statue were reminded that they studied at Bonn under the special inspiration of the Seat of Wisdom. Soon, in affection, they named the statue their Alma Mater, their loving, fostering mother.

As truly today the Lady on the Dome symbolizes your Alma Mater, Notre Dame. Let your hearts turn frequently to her in prayer and she will mother your progress to a full education.

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