Benediction tonight
for all, 7:00 & 7:30,
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Politics symposium
Thurs. 3:30 Eng. Bldg.

Objections To Daily Communion.
(Answered For Students in Bygone Bulletins.)

"I have a fear of confession."

Answer. Listen - it's been years since
any priest shot a penitent for what he
told him. This is a good place to get
your fears knocked out of you. Go to a
priest and tell him of these fears; leave
it up to him to get them out of your sys-
tem.

"I am ashamed to go to confession so soon
again."

Answer. Do you mean that when you have
committed one mortal sin you would rather
pile up more so that one won't look so
big? Your experience has probably shown
you that once the state of grace is lost
it is much easier to commit other sins.
Why not use common sense and recover the
state of grace immediately if you fall?

"I don't believe in daily Communion.
These fellows who go daily are hypocrites."

Answer. Easy, easy! "Judge not, lest you
be judged." If you don't believe in daily
Communion, you set yourself up as knowing
more than the Pope, which is just a bit
rash for a young man in college. And if
you call a man a hypocrite simply because,
for the cure of his daily faults, he takes
the divinely-ordained medicine for those
faults, you put yourself in the class of
those who condemned Our Lord for eating
and drinking with sinners.

Do you recall the story of the woman taken
in adultery? She was brought to Our Lord
to be condemned; she went away forgiven.
She was left at the feet of Our Lord, un-
accused, because when Christ said, "Let
him who is without sin among you cast the
first stone," He stooped and wrote in the
sand; and when her accusers saw Him write
there the secret sins they had committed,"they went away one by one, beginning with
the eldest."

"I am more fervent when I go less often;
it seems to mean more to me."

Answer. Religion is not an emotion, not
a feeling. Emotions come and go, and they
are tricky; they let you down hard. You
may feel glorious when you receive after
a long absence from Holy Communion - and
you may then commit a serious mortal sin
within the next twenty-four hours. The
emotions tend to go down as low as they
have gone up high. True fervor consists in
avoiding sin. If in your intellect you
want to know God better and in your will
you want to serve Him more perfectly, by
avoiding sin and practicing virtue, you
are receiving the fruits of the Sacraments
worthy of a free, intelligent being.
Don't worry about the emotions.

"I don't get up in time."

Answer. Something might be done about
that if you could only be aroused to the
value of your soul. But suppose you don't
get up. Holy Communion is distributed in
Howard and Cavanaugh until 9:15 A.M., in
the Dillon Hall Chapel until noon. To re-
ceive in the morning you have only to ring
the bell at the door of the chapel; to re-
ceive in the afternoon, look for a priest.

"I am no better for going frequently."

Answer. Then study your dispositions. Do
you have Mass when you receive? Are you
making the proper preparation and thank-
giving? Are you doing any spiritual read-
ing, to open your mind to the things of
God? Are you trying to avoid habitual
venial faults? Are you making any sacri-
fice? Improvement through Holy Communion
may come slowly, just as your food builds
up your body slowly, but if there is no
improvement it is because there is a
poison in your system that neutralizes the
effects of grace. Check over your faults
and ask some priest to help you find out
what is the matter.

Mother's Novena.

Novena Cards are now available at bulletin
boards in all halls.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Joseph Linehan '24; friend of Tom Ferrardi (Bro); friend of Paul
Breiting; friend of Bob Martin (Bad). Ill, aunt of Joe Petrutz (Ath Off); sister of
Alex Cram (Off-Cam); friend of Bob Haney (Off-Cam); Bob Taylor (Off-Cam) 5 sp. ints.