Father McGinn, C.S.C.,
Army Chaplain,
spokes at...

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Senior Novena
...tonight in Church
at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome V-7 Officers and Trainees . . .

...to the campus of Our Lady! Because your days are filled with scheduled activities it is impossible to have a formal program of welcome for you. However, Notre Dame, priests, brothers, sisters, faculty and students wish to offer you every possible help. We know that even in your short stay here you will come in contact with the Notre Dame Spirit, and will experience the hospitality of all the students. The family of Notre Dame, Our Lady, wants you to feel at home.

"And Moses said to Josue: Choose out men: and go out and fight against Amalec. I will stand on the top of the hill having the rod of God in my hand. And when Moses lifted up his hands, Israel overcame: but if he let them down a little, Amalec overcame. And Moses' hands were heavy so they took a stone, and put under him, and he sat on it: and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands on both sides. And it came to pass that his hands were not weary until sunset. And Josue put Amalec and his people to flight, by the edge of the sword." (Exod. 17)

Seniors, Don't Give It Up.

When the prayer of Moses stopped, his people began to lose the battle. Moses persevered in prayer and the Chosen People won the day. Perseverance in prayer wins victories. As soon as a man gives up prayer, he can't conquer temptation. The world, the flesh and the devil become his masters. He becomes hateful even to himself. Once prayer stops, the abundance of God's blessings stops - courage in following principle, success in business, in classes, happiness in marriage, patience in suffering. When prayer ceases all is lost, because one gives up God, the very source of strength, joy, consolation and encouragement.

Observe men who are far from the path leading to Heaven; maybe they are missing Mass regularly, drinking to excess frequently, cheating, swimming in a pool of sin. Are they praying? If a man leaves sinful companions and is trying to change his ways and put ideals into his life, what is noticeable? You begin to see him slip into the chapel more often. Perhaps you catch him fingering a rosary or receiving Holy Communion more often. "Ask, and (then) you shall receive."