Advice From Former Students.

A number of years ago, the students were asked this question: "Are you satisfied with the way you have spent the past year at Notre Dame?" Here are some of the answers. Profit by the suggestions they offer. A word to the wise is sufficient -- don't make the same mistakes others have made.

"Procrastination got the best of me."
"Yes, except I should have gotten out more and met more fellows and priests."
"Not altogether, as I should have gone to Mass oftener and studied harder."
"I'm sorry I didn't visit the Grotto more often."
"I have been foolish with time, money, opportunity, and morals."
"I have worked hard enough but it has been unorganized work." (A study schedule would have helped this student. Plan what you are going to do with each hour of your day. Chart your whole day on paper -- study time and class hours -- and then you will see clearly where you are going. If you can't organize your day by yourself, drop into the office of the Prefect of Religion for some help.)

"In a way, but I could have done more spiritually and more to help the students and priests."
"Not exactly; I messed up two months before Christmas, and passed up some fine spiritual opportunities. But I'm back on the right track again. It looks like a great year before June."
(Miscellaneous) "spent too much money;" "I wish I were more ambitious;" "Could have spent less time in sessions;" "No, lazy."

The Man In The Glass.

When you get what you want in the struggle for self,  
And the world makes you king for a day  
Step up to a mirror and look at yourself  
And see what the man has to say.  
For it isn't your mother or father or wife  
Who judgment upon you must pass,  
The fellow whose verdict means most in your life  
Is the one staring back from the glass.  
Oh! you may, like Jack Horner, chisel a plum  
And think you are a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.  
He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he is with you clear to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test  
If the man in the glass is your friend.  
You may fool the whole world, down the pathway of yea'  
And get pats on the back as you pass,  
But the final reward will be headache and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass. (Anon)

Chesterton once said, "The Eucharist makes men men." Take up the practice of visiting your hall chapel daily for Mass and Communion and you will always be able to face the man in the glass. (Holy Communion is distributed throughout the morning in Sorin hall chapel, and up to 9:00 A.M. in Cavanaugh chapel.)

WANT TO SERVE MASS DAILY? A dozen priests need servers for their Masses in the Basement chapel of the church. at 6:00 A.M. It's early, but it most meritorious.