Pink Slips, Low Grades and Some Causes

A poor start. If you fail, or almost fail in your first quiz or two, you may never overcome the handicap. So it is wise to study well for the first month, extra well, that is, and thereby get a head start in the race for a good final grade.

Last minute preparation. Some people work effectively under pressure. The majority, however, cannot do acceptable work when they know time is running out on them. You may be in this group. Don’t put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

Failure to study day by day. College students who do not consider the intellectual life a day by day affair are bound to be second-rate students. Those who open their books only when quizzes roll around, can expect a share of low marks. A grade in the seventies and blow is often the fruit of laziness and lax conscience. Was the lack of daily study the cause of your trouble last semester?

Poor Study methods. A couch that turns out poor teams consistently is usually fired. If your old method of study is not winning points for you, then try a new approach. Those who spend time at their desk and still get no results, had better look to a new study system. A classmate who is getting his work can often put one on the right track. An extra hour with a teacher also brings results. If you are dawdling along and yet won’t seek assistance, you have a healthy case of pride. Get off your high horse before you find yourself asked to leave the University because of poor scholarship.

Your state of life here is that of a student, and students must study. God demands that everyone fulfill the duties of his state of life. If that is not your object, then you don’t belong around here. When June turns up you should be able to look God and your Parents in the face and say that you have done your best.

Our Lady of Lourdes is the “Seat of Wisdom.” Instead of waiting until examinations turn up before praying for Mary’s help, why not start with a short period of prayer for success in your studies. The triduum to Our Lady of Lourdes offers you an opportunity to bring the Mother of God to your assistance.

Sick? Soul or Body?

Miracles take place at the world-famous shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes in France. The cures that we hear about are bodily cures. But Our Lady has also performed as many wonders for the souls of those in sin or worried about some pressing problem.

The three days of prayer, which we begin Tuesday and end on the feast of Lourdes, could very well be your manifestation of gratitude for answering your petitions during the recent final examinations. During the triduum visit the Grotto, say your rosary, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

PRAYERS: (Ill) Mother of Jerry Mahoney, ex-Mrs. father of Bob Hofstetter, (Morr) mother of Tom Johnson (Sor); friend of Jim Jansen (Cav).

ARE YOU IN NEED? TAKE A 3-DAYS OF PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOUDES—BEGIN TOMORROW (TUES)