AT HOME, your father is busily running down the turkey for your Nov. 26 Dinner. It seems nearly everyone here is at work trying to line up an interesting(?) holiday week-end. Be sure that in your planning you arrange for time to say "Thanks" for all your God-given clothing, food, ...and shelter. And, because the Mass is the Great Act of Thanksgiving made by Christ Himself, be sure that wherever you'll be on Nov. 26 you make the first act of your Thanksgiving Day assistance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

• PINK SLIPS ARE ON THEIR WAY to the folks at home. Phones will be ringing, and there'll be questions about the cause of these. Some straight-forward answers should be kept ready. Answers like: "I was downright lazy." "I thought I could get by copying someone else's work." "...too many week-ends, and too many movies." "Couldn't concentrate. My conscience bothers me." "Just haven't learned how to study." A straight-forward answer will, no doubt, disturb the folks for a few minutes, but, on reflection, they'll figure there's hope for you in view of your honesty.

• THEY CALL IT "An Irishman's Idea of Dying", but it's appropriate for anyone who is in the state of grace.

AN IRISHMAN'S IDEA OF DYING
Think of stepping on a shore, and finding it Heaven.
Think of grasping a hand, and finding it God's.
Think of breathing new air, and finding it celestial.
Think of feeling invigorated, and finding it immortality.
Think of passing from stormy seas, finding an unknown calm.
Think of waking, and finding you're Home!

• IT'S TIME ONCE MORE TO LOOK OVER YOUR WARDROBE TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT. BOXES WILL BE PLACED IN THE HALLS NEXT WEEK, MARKED:

FOR THE NEEDY OVERSEAS THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' THANKSGIVING CLOTHING COLLECTION

• PRAYERS. Deceased: Father of Rev. Joseph Haley, C.S.C.; Mr. Paul Galvin. Ill: Friend of Dick Dagget of Sorin; friend of Terry Moser, Off-Campus; sister of Mr. Dennis O'Neill.
VETERANS' DAY will be observed on Wednesday. The purpose, originally, was to commemorate the end of WWI. In recent years, however, the day has been an occasion for honoring the valor of those who, in defense of our country's honor, have borne arms. In every generation, alumni of this University have distinguished themselves and the University by their deeds in time of national emergency.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES

We pray Thee, O almighty and eternal God, Who through Jesus Christ has revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy name.

We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides: by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

HISTORY may prove that the greatest demand on today's student and tomorrow's alumnus is the demonstration of valor and love of country through prayer for those who guide the nation's destiny in international affairs. Be that as it may, it wouldn't be such a bad idea to be mindful of our political and military leaders in the prayers we say on Wednesday. It should be evident how much our military and political leaders are responsible for the maintenance of peace. But if you need to be reminded of how difficult their job can be at times, if you need to be reminded of the pressures under which they work, then take a look at the skies above as you're going or coming from supper this evening. Chances are—if the skies are clear—you'll spot the Russian sputnik somersaulting across the horizon from SE to NW. It might well serve as a reminder of the tension our military men are under today, and how important it is that we assist them with our prayers.

SO TRUE IS THIS, that Chesterton could write of the Notre Dame alumnus addressing his heavenly patroness:
"Queen of Death and Life undying, Those about to live salute thee; Not the crawlers with the cattle; looking deathward with the swine, But the shout upon the mountains Of the men who live forever, Who are free of all things living but a Child; and He was Thine."

Jean Boarman, C.C.