THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY begins its week-long run at the Morris Civic Auditorium (the old Palace Theatre), Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. Evening performances begin at 8:15 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW, so you won't forget the Triduum in honor of Our Lady, November 18, 19, and 20. On November 20, the day of the dedication of the National Shrine of Our Lady in Washington, D.C., all Catholics in the U.S. will join in making the act of consecration that appeared in Wednesday's Bulletin. So, scare up your copy, if you've misplaced it.

UNLESS THE BUS STRIKE is settled today, those who depend on John and the 11:45 bus to get them back to the hall at night may wind up walking in the rain. Better get an early start back to campus tonight, unless you want to save money between now and Thanksgiving.

DON'T FORGET TO STOP IN THE SACRISTY to contribute your old gold to Bro. Boniface.


AGAIN, THIS YEAR, the YCS has arranged for a closed retreat at the Trappist Monastery of Gethsemani in Kentucky. Reservations are limited, so you'd best hustle over to make arrangements at the Catholic Action office in the Rathskeller. Retreatants will leave here after semester exams, will travel by Turnpike Cruiser, and be back on campus in time for the new semester. Time: January 29, 30, 31. Cost: $26.00 covers everything. All reservations and payments must be made by December 16. For further information: Call Art Dechene, 311 Badin (Ext. 725).
HAVE YOUR FRIENDS ALL GONE on the "trip"? Did you study the wrong chapters for your mid-semesters? Did the girl you've been dating invite your room-mate to the Charity Ball? Have you been broke for the past week? No mail, today? Or a bad letter, today?

Maybe this is your lucky day! Maybe the time on your hands will enable you to give some thought to the question of what good a retreat would do you. Ever think you might need a retreat? A closed retreat? Could be just what you need. Maybe your problems are those what only a complete change of environment and some long religious thought will solve. Maybe you're too much in the swing of things, too much wrapped up in material things to think about what's really important. Maybe you have run out of fresh ideas. Maybe your goal in life isn't clear. Maybe you need the chance a closed retreat provides for discussing with a priest some special problem you have. Maybe you need the prayers of those who will be making the retreat with you. Maybe the benefit you derive from a closed retreat will enable you to help someone only you can help. Maybe you need a new experience—and this is it.

TODAY, Friday the 13th, may well be a mighty important day for you if it results in the decision to take advantage of an opportunity to make a closed retreat. It sometimes takes a day like today to get one to thinking about the way things have been going. Feeling sorry for oneself, never pausing to tally up the things for which one should be grateful, never reflecting on the compensations and the rewards God has promised to those who suffer with resignation—such attitudes can only lead to self-pity. And self-pity will get you nowhere, unless in your efforts to pull out of it you decide to make a closed retreat at the first opportunity.

Give it some thought; follow through, and I'm sure you'll mark this day as an important one, so far as your salvation's concerned.