- EVERY YEAR ABOUT THIS TIME, we try to replenish the Notre Dame account at the Blood Bank downtown. We try to keep about ten pints on account to take care of any emergency. The recipients of this blood are students or local members of the Notre Dame family. If you are not yet 21, you must have your parents' consent to cooperate in this act of charity. Why not stop by Room 116 Dillon today and either pick up a form on which your parents can write their permission, or sign up to go down and donate a pint before cold weather sets in?

- THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have their first meeting of the school-year this evening in the Council chambers in Walsh Hall, beginning at 8:15 P.M.

- ALL SHOULD HAVE CAUGHT UP ON THEIR "BACK" WORK BY NOW. So, there ought to be an increase in the attendance at Mass from here on. And, take a good look around, when you enter your hall chapel or Sacred Heart Church. If there is a priest in need of a server, don't be hesitant about going up to serve, even though the priest is already on the altar.

- SATURDAY'S GAME IS going to linger long in our memory. Old grads were surprised at the score. But... they will get over that. Will they soon forget, however, the antics in the stands? A few Freshmen who apparently didn't get the word gave visitors and alumni the impression that everyone here carries a roll of paper in his hip pocket. Sure doesn't say much for the Notre Dame man's physical condition. Former generations of students cheered their teams both in victory and in defeat. Is the present generation incapable of such generosity? Yes....the old grads will forget the sting of defeat. But they will find it harder to forget that the student section just stumbled off through wasted rolls of paper, leaving them to chant, GO IRISH! BEAT TARHEEELS!

WHEN GOD COMMANDED MAN to be perfect, He made it abundantly clear that He wanted men to be saints. And to carry out this mandate requires orderly and balanced growth in love of God and love of neighbor. A man's growth here must, it's true, take into account what he will be doing after college. For, while his vocation as student is a genuine one, it is nevertheless a provisional one. This isn't to say the student vocation is unimportant. On the contrary, it is as much a part of his success in the future as is the work he will engage in later on. And even though his future vocation is not yet clearly determined, he has here numerous opportunities for formation of good habits of mind and will that will serve him in good stead whatever he undertakes.

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH can and should be carried on not only because it will be a means of livelihood in later years, but because such a pursuit is good in itself. In proportion as a man knows the truth, he knows God. All things, we insist, are but a reflection of the perfections of God. Whether the truth pursued is mathematical, physical, philosophical, or theological, the student should love the activity for its own sake. Moreover, it's an activity that demands a great lot of courage and self-discipline. And this perfects the will.

CARDINAL O'HARA used to say in this connection that the devil made a specialty of trying to discourage boys from becoming men.

THE STUDENT PASSES from his student vocation to his life's vocation slowly; and only after exercising much courage. To discover God in nature through the physical sciences, and in man through the social sciences, and in revelation through theology is for most men a slow and trying process. It can also be a purifying and sanctifying process.

FATHER PUTZ expresses it this way: "We do not always see the value of certain subjects, certain disciplines. Studying is done in community with others, professors and students. This offers countless opportunities for charity and self-sacrifice. The proper use of time, of opportunities, of reverses will help to make up what is wanting in the suffering of Christ for the redemption of the world. The Action of the Holy Spirit can be made fruitful in student life. It is His function to form Christ in the student, to shape the student's life so it will correspond most perfectly to the plans of God."

THE SEMESTER IS WELL UNDER-WAY. It's high time everyone moved into high gear. Too many are still idling their motors. By encouraging one another, by thoughtfulness of one another's needs for quiet and order, all can fulfill the student vocation. It takes only a few to make it difficult for everyone.