

Religious Bulletin.  
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The Novena.

You were \$100,000 short on the first day. Seven hundred students can expect only \$70,000. The rest are loafing while Notre Dame needs the money. Cash receipts for first day, \$1550. Pledges \$10,000.

Notre Dame's Greatest Need.

Send in your guess to the contest editor.

A Case of Conscience -- Discussed by a Freshman.

A student attends the 10:15 Mass in the college church. He brings with him a Notre Dame Daily and reads it during the greater part of the Mass. There are at least a half a dozen poorly instructed people who sit near him and watch him. Does he hear Mass and what sins does he commit?

The student would not hear Mass for he lacks assistance of the mind by having neither exterior attention, which consists in doing nothing incompatible with the religious action to be performed (which the reading of the Daily surely is), nor interior attention, which consists in fixing one's mind on the words or actions of the celebrant, or on the meaning of the words and the mysteries of the Holy Sacrifice, or on God through prayer and pious meditation. It would be impossible for the student to do any of these while reading the Daily.

His first sin is one of disobedience of the orders of lawful superiors by going to Mass which is forbidden to him. Then he commits the sin of missing Mass himself on Sunday and of distracting others during the Mass. He gives scandal to these poorly instructed people around him which may be the cause of their spiritual ruin or at least give them a wrong impression of the proper method of assisting at Mass for their minds whatever a Notre Dame student does in Church must be all right as he is instructed at a Catholic school.

From the Survey

I.

"I think the Novena for Mothers is the greatest thing Notre Dame has done this year" -- and eight hundred students failed to make it.

II.

"Notre Dame has brought me closer to God, but not yet close enough."

III.

"I have come to the conclusion that most Catholics are sincere in the practice of their religion."

Day Dog Eats Dog.

"Dear Father: May I suggest that 'Teetotaler' falls into the vice of which he accuses his antagonist? -- and so do I.

"Day Dog."