

## Religious Bulletin

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### Receive Before You Go.

If you are struck dead only one thing matters -- the state of grace. With no desire to spread gloom over a holiday, the editor feels it his duty as a priest and your chaplain to call attention to a plain fact: accidents of travel have taken the lives of three students in recent years, one during the Christmas holidays, the next one during the Easter recess, and the third on his way home in June.

Receive Holy Communion before you start for home, and before you start for Chicago for the game. You cannot receive if you plan mortal sin. Again to speak plainly, last year some students laid plans for the Chicago trip that included mortal sin: and some students carried out their plans. Two jackasses, beribboned with Gold and Blue, and liquored up with red-eye, met a former student at the Morrison Hotel and asked him for the names of some joints. He wanted to get them out of the way and he gave them the names of two joints where they would be lucky to get out alive. Who they were we don't know and don't want to know. They said they were freshmen. Luckily, there were no students reported missing that time.

This Fall we have had several warnings that our missionaries spoke truth when they told you "You know not the day nor the hour." A Brother, a Sister, two workmen, and a student have been called by God. The two workmen were called suddenly, and in the same day. One of the workmen was a daily communicant, the other, it is said, had once been a Catholic, though it is likely that he was not well instructed in his religion. Two students have been struck by autos. Other students have had narrow escapes -- and will continue to have them as long as they persist in walking along the road at night. A few students have been very seriously ill.

Live in the state of grace and you are always ready when God may call. That is one call we must all obey -- promptly. Here it is easy to live in the state of grace, and easy to seek God's forgiveness if we slip from grace. There are positive and negative reasons for living in the state of grace. On the negative side, the state of grace keeps you out of Hell when you die. On the positive side it makes your life fuller, happier, more peaceful, worthy of a Notre Dame man. Be yourself this year. You are not yourself if you are not in the state of grace, because you are untrue to the high calling God has given you.

### Father Donahue Tonight.

At seven tonight, in the south basement of the Library, Father Donahue will give the second of his series of conferences. Watch the clock; you will not have the church bell to summon you.

### Campus Fun.

The affair in Cartier Field Sunday afternoon was another demonstration of what the dining hall has done for a return to the original intention of campus life. Fun on the campus can always have a spirit that can not be obtained elsewhere because in it you can best be yourselves. Even in the milling that came when two lines of parade crossed there was a cordial spirit of fun. You know the men on the campus better; when you play with them you feel that there is a spirit of understanding; and on the campus you meet your social and intellectual equals. Here is a vote for more campus fun.

### Prayers.

Bill Reid, of the class of 1926, asks prayers for his mother who is critically ill. Two students ask prayers for special intentions. Jos. Gorman, a student from Chicago a few years back, died a few days ago and will be buried this morning.