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Does It Destroy The Case?

Yesterday's borrowed editorial on student suicide suggests athlatics as an offset to the pessimism that brings suicide; and yesterday's papers carried the story of a football player who committed suicide. Does that destroy the case? By no manner of means. That this seventeen-year-old child was off balance was clear from the note he left. which stated that he hoped his deed would not wreck the team's chances.

For the solution to this case back up a couple of paragraphs. The boy heeded two things: a sense of humor and some spiritual development -- and the two are closely related. Spiritual advice, in the confessional or outside, will check morbid views and awaken the saving sense of humor.

Strangler's Booze.

While we cannot recommend the reading of the scandal columns in the daily papers, we feel constrained to call the attention of those who patronize bootleggers to the fact a new and horrible urge seems to be coming from bottles. Within the past few weeks, there have been reports of three or four women strangled to death by supposedly order-ly citizens while under the influence of bootleg liquor. Keep possible consequences in mind when you poison booze.

The Last Train.

In planning your trip to Chicago, keep in mind that the last train is usually an hour or two or three late. Those who made the trip to the Navy Game and returned on the last train a year ago can tell you. If you want a wink or two of sleep next Saturday night and Sunday morning, come home early. You are not excused from Sunday Mass to make up sleep.

You Know How To Behave.

The Bulletin is always sparing of commendation of your action, because experience proves that it is disastrous. However, we feel constrained to say that the general conduct of the student body the past two Saturday nights shows that you know how to behave. It is hoped that the self-respect and the concern for the honor of your parents that have guided your conduct these past two weeks will be operative for the rest of the year.

Protect Their Bones.

The unfortunate accident that resulted in a broken leg in last Saturday's game between Northwestern and Wisconsin emphasizes the need for prayers for the protection of the players. One broken wrist in the past two seasons is an excellent varsity record of protection and encourages you to pray.

Study.

A lot of boys flunked out on Monday, the ninth day of the Novena for Studies. It is the dangerous time for failures; major distractions are approaching en masse. Now is the time to keep the green probation slip out of your envelope after the November tests. Pray and study.

Shall We Pray For The End Of The World?

When a Catholic paper carries an ad for public dancing at a K. of C. Club from 6 to 9 evenings and from 6 to 1 Saturdays, it is time to wonder if there is any faith left. God certainly meant something when He said: "Remember thougkeep holy the Sabbath Day 4 And the Church evidently had something in mind when she commanded us to hear Mass of Sundays. Is dancing till one o'clock a good preparation for Sunday Mass.