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A Point Of Progress.

One of the most interesting indications of the spiritual status of Notre Dame this fall is buried away in some statistics that would be missed if they were not pointed out to you. They are the figures which show the attendance at Holy Communion before and after the football games. To see their implication you need to study them in comparison with the figures for another year; the year chosen for this study is 1928. Last year was not a typical year, since the home games were played in Chicago. The figures follow:

Game	1930		Loss or Gain	Game	1928		Loss or Gain
	Saturday	Sunday			Saturday	Sunday	
So. Meth.	1937	1742	-245	Loyola	1793	1481	-312
Navy	1333	1253	-130	Wisconsin	1487	1524	37
Carnegie	1681	1502	-179	Navy (trip)	1051	623	-428
Pittsburgh	1437	1663	231	Georgia Tech	1407	1540	137
Indiana	1353	1762	-96	Drake	1322	1369	47
Pennsylvania	1692	exams 1900	208	Penn State	1549	1759	210
Drake	1351	1574	223	Army	2014	1705	-309
Northwestern	1649	1644	-5	Carnegie	1989	1338	-651
Army (recess)	541	645	104				
So. Cal.	1578	1571	-7	So. Cal.	1483	1330	-153

Take another look at the figures for the Northwestern and Southern California games. Compare them with the figures for the Army and Carnegie games two years ago, the ones for which enthusiasm was at the highest pitch. Is there something to be thankful for?

The only heavy losses on Sunday mornings this year were on the occasion of the dances with 12:30 permissions after the first three games. The Indiana game was played on a holyday (All Saints' Day), with a consequent large attendance at Holy Communion, so the loss on Sunday is not particularly significant; the Drake game, on the other hand, drew little enthusiasm on Saturday morning.

The most significant figure in the whole group is the minus seven after the game with Southern California, carrying with it the National Championship. Newspapers conversant with tactics in "collegiate" circles expected the students to wreck South Bend; as a matter of fact, less than five hundred campus students were in South Bend that night - and the local movie in Washington Hall was jammed to the doors.

More Adorers Needed for Thursday.

Since Bishop Holl has promised to come for the closing of the Novena of Thanksgiving, the final Benediction will be deferred until 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. This means that it will be necessary to supply adorers for the half-hours between 5:30 and 7:30. Cards for volunteers are to be found at the pamphlet rack. -- And while we are speaking of points of satisfaction, it should be noted that there were student adorers present before the Blessed Sacrament all afternoon last Wednesday, during the welcome to the football team. Provision was made to have seminarians take care of the adoration that afternoon, to insure against thoughtlessness, but there were enough students there to take care of the matter themselves.

Go Home Clean.

No matter how much a botch you may have made of your year, go home clean. It's the least you can do for your mother.

PRAYERS: George Gru was called home Sunday by the grave illness of his grandmother. A student asks prayers for a cousin who was burned to death; another student for a friend who has undergone an operation. Four special intentions. Today is the anniversary of the death of Wm. Rooney's mother.