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Mass And Communion - And The Trip.

We are informed by the Prefect of Discipline that the student special to the game next Saturday in Cleveland will arrive in that city at 6:30 a.m. Immediately thereafter the three priests accompanying the students will say Mass at the cathedral, East Ninth and Superior, and students may receive Holy Communion at these Masses.

On the return trip, the train is scheduled to arrive in South Bend between six and seven o'clock. Masses will be said for those on the trip in three halls, immediately on arrival at the campus. The three halls are Dillon, Walsh, and Morrissey.

We caution those making this trip to receive the Sacraments, not only at these Masses, but on Friday as well. Special trains have their own dangers: pray for protection, and be prepared for any eventuality.

A Protest.

We would be derelict in our duty if we refrained from expressing our disapproval and disappointment at the action of the Cleveland committee which, in the name of Notre Dame, has arranged a dance to begin Saturday night and end at three o'clock Sunday morning. The Third Commandment tells us to "keep holy the Sabbath day." If the men in charge of this event can see no incongruity in their action, something was left out of their Catholic education. Their action is so utterly out of harmony with Notre Dame's Catholicity that we wish to disavow it in unmistakable terms, and we ask those who have Notre Dame's interests at heart to refuse to have anything to do with it.

The Sophomore Carry-over.

While traditionally sophomores are inclined to be rebellious and unresponsive to appeals to higher things, we have observed during the past two years a distinct tendency for sophomoritism to carry over into the junior and senior years. Take a look at the percentage of reception of Holy Communion in the hall chapels the week before the Northwestern Game (the percentages are based on the number of students in the halls, and Saturday is omitted because of the Mass in the church):

| <u>Senior halls</u> | <u>Junior</u> | <u>Sophomore</u> | <u>Freshman</u> |
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| *Sorin..... 48% | Badin.... 37% | Lyons..... 49% | *Basement.. 73 |
| Corby..... 27 | Howard... 21 | St. Edward 33 | Dillon.... 58% |
| Walsh..... 17 | Alumni... 18 | Morrissey. 30 | Freshman.. 47 |

*The figures for Sorin Hall include some outsiders, mostly from Corby; those for the Basement Chapel include other students besides those from Brownson and Carroll Halls, most from Freshman Hall. The Dillon Hall figures are only for Communions received before 7:00. The later communicants come from off-campus and from practically all the halls.

Halls which do not show appreciation of the great privilege of having the Blessed Sacrament reserved do not deserve the privilege. Faith is certainly cold when it cannot produce even twenty per cent of daily communicants in a hall at Notre Dame.

Prayers.

Msgr. McLaughlin, of Clinton, Iowa, an honored alumnus, died recently. Bro. Ernest, C.S.C., lost his mother last week; Jas. Devlin asks prayers for his sister and sister-in-law, both ill. Three special intentions.