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The Student Missions.

September 17-23--First week for Freshmen and Sophomores of
St. Edward's and Lyons Halls.

September 24-30--Second week for all other Students.

Freshmen in most universities wear funny hats, are made to do squirrely stunts, in order to get "college spirit". Faculty councils paw them over psychologically, read their intellectual and volitional palms, set them off to whoopee and success.

Notre Dame goes at it differently. She knows that green skull caps can't make clean minds; she doesn't trust faddy psychologists who don't believe in the existence of the soul, to make out blueprints for the soul's upbuilding.

Instead, Notre Dame opens up the school year with a week's mission for Freshmen (and the Sophomores of St. Edward's and Lyons Halls). She gives the Freshman an official picture of what he ought to be like. Years of experience, of thought, of study, of prayer lie behind every sentence the preacher utters. He knows what he's talking about. Your soul will draw the full focus of his powers--your soul's possibilities for growth, for embellishment, for Heaven and for Hell. You will know after this week, if you keep your ears open, how you are to fit in here at Notre Dame. For the first time, maybe, it will dawn on you what really is this much-talked-about Notre Dame spirit.

The success or failure of your years at Notre Dame starts this week. And your success or failure at Notre Dame will probably determine your whole life and its ending--its ending in Heaven or Hell.

The second mission is a tonic for fagged-out upper classmen. Three months often brings regrets, points out weaknesses, shows up the big gap lying between knowing what to be and being it. Three months rubbing elbows with the world puts fear into the wise man's heart--and upper classmen are wisemen--fear and the desire to build up reserve, to strengthen principles and ideals against the day after that June when three months will change to life.

Fat between the ear drums and coldness at the hoofs make some fellows try to squirm out of the Mission for the same reason that they try to squirm out of living at all. They're devotees of a kind of brutal Nirvana. Any kind of effort, any sort of uncomplimentary slant on themselves that's necessary to growth, spiritual, intellectual or physical, they shrink from. Two days after the mission starts their latent Buddhism will break out. If they could drive full steam through a full week of one mission, God's grace might bring them to. Keep them in mind; pray for, encourage them.

The Mission Masses.

The intentions for the Mission Masses are given below for the two weeks:

Monday - James Manion	James Manion
Tuesday - Prof. McCue	Father Miner
Wednesday - The next to die	The next to die
Thursday - Prof. O'Connell	Father McGinnis
Friday - Brother Valerian	Paul McGannon
Saturday - Colonel Hoynes	Edwin Rowley, Sr.
Sunday - Eugene Kelly	

PRAYERS: Deceased - Jas. Gleason's father; Wado Kelleher's mother; Thos. P. Conlon.
Ill - Father Cannon, C.S.C.; Wm. A. Kennedy's mother (operation); a relative of George Meyers. Four special intentions.