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## Bluffers.

Some fellows are like the athlete Rockne used to talk about. He had the stuff -speed, brains, everything. In scrimmage, sometimes, he looked like a million dollars. To the bread cutters and the Down-Town Coaches, to the stands, he was a wow.

But in a tough game he couldn't deliver.

He messed up the signals, fumbled, slipped, or broke something at the critical time.

And he never amounted to much.

Players of far less natural ability grabbed his job, because they studied the game and worked conscientiously in perfecting themselves in playing it.

They didn't try to get by on a bluff.

There is a class of bluffers in every University. They preach the dogma that success in after life is not based upon college effort and accomplishment but upon the ability to "get by" without hard work.

And they practise what they preach.

Some years ago a study was made of 2,144 Bell Telephone employees who had been out of college five years. It was found

That men from the first tenth of their college classes have four times the chance of the lowest third to get the highest salaries;

That men in the first third of college classes will be most likely in the first third of the salary group later on in life;

That those in the middle third of college classes will most likely receive middle-

class salaries;

And that those in the lowest third in college classes get the lowest salaries after they get out to work.

The Bluffers won't take this seriously -- they are the Big I-Ams who can't be told, or they wouldn't be bluffers.

But there are boys who honestly would like to be somebodies and are willing to pay the price. They want, however, to be sure about the price.

Sxams are coming and many bluffers will be making hegiras.

Sometimes it's nice to know and to think about just why they went away.

You Are Not Forgetting Father O'Donnell?

Just because the Bulletin doesn't make daily mention of the illness of the President of the University, don't hold yourself excused from praying for his recovery. From the hospital where he is recuperating in Florida, Father O'Donnell sends an occasional report of progress. Don't fail him in your prayers: they count more than medicine. PRAY'RS: Deceased - an aunt of Nick Connor; the mother of Jim Waughan, '27. Ill the fathers of Steve Booskei and James and Joseph McAveney. Three special intentions.