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Square Deal For the Folks.

If you visited the poor during the holidays half as often as you visited night clubs you must feel new responsibilities as a college man.

Why should you, after all, get the big breaks? And, of more practical importance, what are you going to do with them? Just jog along content with mediocrity?

Well, if that's your idea, get ready to live the rest of your life, where you belong, down by the tracks.

A high executive of a nationally-famous concern in Chicago got set for 1935 by firing 50 old employees--some of them holding high offices--because of incompetence. One of them had filled a position with a big salary for 20 years, but he took too many trips to Florida and to the races! He couldn't keep up with the hard-running pack.

Did you observe that your Dad had more gray hairs at Christmas? He's probably been taking an awful pommelling, even though your car was polished and ready when you got home.

And you feel that you can take it easy!

This question appears in the Students' Survey for the current year: "Has the depression created any serious financial problem for your family?" In spite of the fact that 75% of the students knew that the depression was cutting in, not 50% found it a motive for increasing effort in their spiritual or intellectual work.

Here's how one brave sophomore replies: "Yes, my saint-mother who is a widow runs a store and has had the discouraging task of working harder for less profit to give a lazy and worthless son a college education. She is faced now with the additional burden of financing the education of a brilliant daughter approaching college age."

What will this lazy and worthless son do about it? Worm his way into his mother's sympathy, then present her with more class failures at the semester exams? Keep his brilliant sister waiting while he wastes more money to have a "good" time?

A lot of fellows are more interested in getting breaks from the disciplinary authorities than they are in making a success of their college careers. Petty, passing interests get them side-tracked.

What will the "breaks" --the beer and the nights out and the mornings in--mean ten days after graduation?

Don't let anyone befuddle you. And don't goof yourself. It is too costly. Your big objective is to get the most--spiritually, intellectually, and physically--out of the four precious years that a good God allows you at Notre Dame.

As you lose sight of the important things in life and get messed up with trifles you pay and pay bitterly, in failure and remorse.

No matter what you've been doing in past years, make this one right. Start today.
PRAYERS: Deceased, Mrs. James Mooney, mother of Jim Mooney, ex'36, sister of Phil Riley, ex'19. Ill, sister of Mrs. Frank Lloyd; mother of James Donahue (Dillon). Four special intentions, Sister Virginia Gordon, O.S.B., (A.M. '32 Summer School) leaves soon for China. Remember her frequently.