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as in the mass.

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special intentions.

Catholic vs Secular Colleges---IV.

Not a year ago a scandal at one of our prominent, mid-western universities reached the headlines of a sophisticated and blase national press. Young women of questionable character were, it was charged, freely admitted to a certain fraternity house. What was the defense, written and signed by 23 members of this particular fraternity? The defense was substantially this: "Why pick on us? The same conditions, as you know, exist in many other fraternity houses here at the university."

Shortly afterwards, the governor of the state sent special agents to investigate "immoral conduct" which led to the closing of this fraternity and the suspension of all its members. These agents reported that, in their opinion, conditions in other fraternities were good. And the press, and everyone else, seem to have dropped the matter at this point.

Only last week, on February 20, 1936, to be exact, there appeared in the student daily of one of our largest state universities the following headlines: "Students Voice Approval of Double Standard of Morality---Birth Control is Approved, but Men, Women Differ on Pre-Marital Morals." And the article itself opens as follows:

"Seeming to conform squarely to a 'double standard' of morality on other controversial matters, men and women students in the university registered a concerted approval of birth control methods in a survey recently conducted on the campus.....Asked 'Do you approve of birth control?' 87 per cent of the men and 88 per cent of the women answered in the affirmative. Ninety per cent of the men and ninety per cent of the women approved the dissemination of birth control information."

We refrain from using further details of the questionnaire as they are set down by this student daily to support its own headlines.

Are the two cases we cite fairly indicative of general conditions in secular and State universities? Again we refer to Mr. Dan Gilbert, author of "Crucifying Christ in Our Colleges." He claims to be able to prove that conditions are as bad as we suggest, if not far worse.

Certainly in our State and secular universities, many text books and many professors openly and viciously attack the foundations of Catholic morality. In previous Bulletins of this series we have adduced evidence to warrant this contention. From general data, it seems certain, too, that social conditions at these universities would embarrass the Catholic boy or girl who wanted to live a decent, conscientious Catholic life.

Are we, nevertheless, to pour our young Catholic men and women into these institutions? With what justification?

Are we to think that the young Catholic character is impervious as a granite column to every influence upon body and soul? Why then worry about vice in the movies, in magazines, in the press, in the streets, in the home?

After all, Professor Taylor, what deth it profit a young Catholic if he gain the whole intellectual world and suffer the loss of his own soul?

Prayers: Deceased, John J. Malone; father of Lawrence O'Connor, Corby; mother of John Mallory '29; friend of Robert Kennedy, Brownson; grandfather of Pat McCarty; Sister Stella, C.S.C.; friend of J. McCarthy, Badin; friend of 'Chuck' Sweeney, Corby; William McClintock; friend of John McGovern, Dillon; Friend of Paul Anderson, Badin; uncle of Cyrus Stricker, Corby; Ill, friend of Frank Schaefer; Prof. Greene's sister; Jim Diedrich; O.A. Clark; mother of Phil and Bill Bayer; friend of G.G. Macdougald, Carroll; mother of Tom McDermott, Carroll; Mrs. Becker, Clinton, O.; Jeremiah Shine '3.