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Let The Old-Timers Tell You

About 950 Notre Dame graduates were asked in a recent Alumni questionnaire: "What advice would you give a young man entering Notre Dame?" Here are the results:

214 answer: Study Hard. Characteristic qualifications of this advice are the following:

"I am not addressing the Now Notre Dame men from the mountain tops of senescence; but I know from my own life that he is not old enough to see the great opportunity ahead of him. He should attend every class, take notes, make lists of recommended books, and do all the work possible, rather than reduce his work to a minimum. He should try to develop politeness and good speech. I would caution him not to think that he has a monopoly of ignorance simply because his classes spread out a great array of knowledge before him."

"The world pays only for what you know and for what you can do with your knowledge. Cheating and loafing may get you by in college, but the world wants results."

"Throw yourself into your studies, forcing yourself in what you don't like. You'll do plenty that you don't want to do after you get your diploma."

212 advise: Take full advantage of all Religious opportunities. Among these, sixty said: "Become a daily communicant." Here are other remarks:

"True Notre Dame spirit starts at the Communion rail. Get it there!"

"Let the other fellow be the wise guy. You attend the Sacraments as often as possible."

"Above all, build a good religious foundation for your after-life. The materials are to be had in great abundance at Notre Dame."

"Pray, young man, pray. And when you get through there may be enough good in you to last the rest of your life. Pray and meditate."

105 caution: Keep the Rules.

"Discipline," one alumnus philosophizes, "is the need of the age. But no one gets it unless he's made to take it."

"You may think you can get away with infractions, but infractions are the only things that can do away with you."

"Obey the rules. It's foolish to sacrifice a career for a dumb escapade. I came close!"

79 tell you this: Go in for dramatics, debating, and other activities.

I once declined a call for a little speech at a class dinner simply because I couldn't make it. Don't follow my bad example."

"You will learn to meet people, and to stand on your feet and speak, if you take part, and are active in campus doings."

59 say: Become acquainted with the Priests and the Professors.

"You will get from contact with certain Fathers things that are not written in the books; and these things will help you, later on, when you clash with the world."

"Don't be too timid to know intimately the priests and professors. Call on them. They can be an influence stronger and better than any other contact in life."

42 say: Spend your time on the Campus.

"There are dance halls and clubs all over the world. But there is only one Notre Dame."