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The tragic death of David Betten has cast a pall upon the campus. The inevitability of death never softens the blow when death suddenly strikes one who only a few hours before had walked the paths with us, sat beside us in class, worshipped at Mass with us.

David's funeral will be held from Sacred Heart Church tomorrow at 11:30 and the rosary will be recited at the Orvis Funeral Home, 336 N. Main Street, this evening at 8:00 p.m.

Today, Friday, the 5:10 Mass will be a Mass of Requiem sung by Father Hesburgh for the repose of David Betten's soul. By your participation you can offset that helpless feeling in the face of this tragedy -- you offer with Christ a perfect prayer for a fellow student -and you provide strength and comfort for his stunned mother and family. Cheating "Cheating, for instance, is not a sin, but an offense, not hurting God, but breaking a pledge of honor."

It seems incredible that the above statement which appeared in <u>The Voice</u>, May 23, could have been written by a Catholic university student. <u>The Religious Bulletin</u> feels constrained to answer and to emphatically assert that <u>cheating is a sin</u>. Until a fuller treatise can be written the statement issued to the <u>Religious Bulletin</u> in 1956 by Father Philip Moore, C.S.C., then vice-president for academic affairs, shows clearly the traditional Catholic teaching on the morality of cheating.

"Honesty is a moral virtue which we expect to find in everyone, everywhere. But we can expect in a special way that at Notre Dame students and all members of the University family will be scrupulously honest. This is because our honesty should be supernaturally motivated and rise far above the natural virtue which even pagans practice. Above all, our honesty should never be based on the low ideal that 'Honesty is the best policy.' Dishonesty destroys personal integrity, and

if it becomes a habit, makes one unfit for any position of trust, or even for the ordinary relations of men in society. To be dubbed a liar or a thief is among the greatest insults any man can suffer. But the dishonest man deserves these epithets. Cheating in exams is dishonesty -- anyone can see that it is both lying and theft. It is an action intended to deceive others in regard to the knowledge we should have acquired by hard work; and is intended to gain for us something to which we have no right -- a passing grade. <u>Cheating in examinations could be a mortal sin...</u>"

In Your Charity Please pray for the following. <u>Deceased</u>: father of Frank Brennan of St. Ed's; grandfather of Charles Schnepf of Dillon; Paul E. Jackson, '23. <u>Ill</u>: father of Paul Rossman of Badin (surgery this morning); cousin of Don Cain of Breen-Phillips; son of Michael Neville, '55 (and give thanks also for his greatly improved condition).