

Religious Bulletin.
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Chasing Butterflies.

Selfishness is the antithesis of Christianity. To follow Christ we must deny ourselves and take up the cross daily. We don't like this. And we don't act on it. We look over our "inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" -- and we spend our money on the "pursuit of Happiness."

The Sense of Proportion.

Honest recreation is a necessary part of every man's life; and it is honest if it benefits his nervous system. It is dishonest if it damages it. It is a virtuous act to spend money for honest recreation that is taken for the love of God; but prodigality is the virtue of generosity gone wrong; it is a vice because it is out of proportion. The proportion should be to one's needs, to one's means, and to one's other obligations.

A Lack of Proportion.

The amount of money spent on one social event last year, the Senior Ball, would have accomplished the following work on the China Missions: ~~it would build 10 churches and 5 schools, and support for a full year~~ 1 bishop, 10 priests, 5 Brothers, 15 Sisters and 20 Catechists. Or if you wanted to use the money entirely for education, it would support 400 children in a boarding school for one year.

Stretching It Out.

At the present rate of contribution for the foreign missions it would take the entire student body (not the Senior class alone) fifteen years to raise that much money.

It Must Have Been Swell.

The cost of the monogrammed matches and cigarettes and of the favors (the bill for which, it is alleged, is still in the air) would defray the entire cost of education of a native priest -- a process which would take thirteen years.

Keeping Up With the Joneses.

Any architect can tell you that the inverted pyramid is not the most solid type of construction.

The Quest of the Acme.

There are many ways of achieving distinction. A recent graduate maintains that his Senior class had the most successful ball, because all the girls were as drunk as all the boys. Think back over what George Trevor said after the Princeton game. Senior classes are remembered at Notre Dame for just what they are.

Summary.

Always remember the sense of proportion. The virtue of prudence rules the sense of proportion.

Prayers. Elmo Ehinger, Gus Scalero and Joe Kelly, all of Walsh Hall, lost their fathers during the past few days. Five sick persons need prayers.