

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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I.

Dear Father:

Since the ideal-Notre Dame-man contest opened we have had positive and negative views of the man. Perhaps you would care to hear what I have to say of a dangerous antithesis to the ideal---the derelict:

Ships that drift abandoned on the high seas, lurking dangers to navigation, perils to life; men without ambition who roam the world; ne'er-do-wells who strive mightily to evade work; college students who wander from room to room looking for a "session", eager for a poker game---all these are derelicts.

The word derelict means drifter. At Notre Dame we have many drifters. You will find them in your room when you do not desire them; they are always up on the conversation of the day; they always have a few "facts" at their command; and at times they have propositions which they wish to expound upon. These men menace the normal life of a school. They kill the golden hours which should be given to study; and if they are discontented with the school they sow the seeds of disruption, with the result that many others grow fainthearted and quit the fight.

Usually adept at the English language, courteous, well-groomed, inviting, they roam the halls looking for kindred spirits. They roam by night as well as by day. What is Notre Dame going to do with the derelicts?

Should the drifters be discouraged, or is it really a part of Notre Dame's "democracy" to encourage the boy with desires to spread his carcass over the other fellow's bed?

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II.

To the Editor:

At the Palace Theatre Sunday the usual Pathe News was presented. Among the scenes was the Klan funeral at Herrin; eight hooded men carrying the casket, with hundreds of people looking on, and guards from the U.S. Army protecting the scene, and consequently the Kluxers, from harm. What mockery! Where is the old patriotism? How long will this organization continue to grow? We can't ignore them....(follows a description of the conflict of applause and hissing, with a plea for action).

Otto.

Dear Otto: The Klan grew in Indiana as long as it got publicity. It can't get in most papers now, and it is losing ground daily. Don't worry.

III.

Dear Father:

Will you answer a practical question, or are you confining your space to idealization? An assistant at our home parish says it is all right to eat meat on Friday when you are traveling. Our Religion professor here says it is forbidden. Is the assistant too broad-minded or is the professor too narrow-minded?

Anxious.

Let's hope you are not putting too broad an interpretation on what your assistant said. Students sometimes misquote and frequently misconstrue. Please ask the assistant to give a page reference to the authority for the statement you quote. It is not found in any of the authors in the theological libraries at Notre Dame, and most of them are here.

Necessity hardly covers the case. The Prefect of Religion has clipped off considerable mileage for a stay-at-home, lots of it on Fridays and Ember Days, and he has yet to experience the Necessity of eating meat on Friday on a train.

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