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The Seniors Made a Good Start.

One hundred and fifty-four seniors started Lent right yesterday, with Holy Communion. When you consider that there are only 223 seniors on the campus, the showing is not half bad. Nine of the 154 were off-campus students, it is true, but subtracting them we still have 65%. Counting both campus and off-campus students, the hard-boiled civil engineers made the best showing---80%. Counting only campus students, the electrical engineers showed an 83% attendance. Commerce students were one point above the average, 66%. Arts and Letters mustered 75%. Architecture did well with 40%. The lawyers ran just as far below the general average as the commerce men ran above it.

The Rest Were Not So Good.

Although this year's seniors made a better showing on Ash Wednesday than last year's did, there was not much of an increase over last year's total figure. This is quite out of place, as the daily average for this year is running approximately 70 a day above last year's. The registration this year is 170 above last year's, and the number of campus students is 40 more. The chief trouble is that a lot of freshmen have not caught on.

Answers to Correspondents.

A Freshman: If you will call at room 141 Sorin Hall every morning you will save the circulation department a trip to the Balkans, you will be sure of a copy for the hall every day, and you will be entitled to a free copy of the Bulletin for your file. "125" will be informed that he spoke out of his turn on the matter of smoking in streetcars, and will be told to examine his conscience, as you suggest. His mistake probably grew out of the fact that a certain member of the faculty makes a practice of telling upperclassmen who indulge in this pernicious habit that he knows they are freshmen or they would be informed on this laudable tradition.

Ex-Hypocrite: Please, please! Won't you ~~consider~~ your request not to publish your letter? It might do some of the local bad men lots of good. Why reserve all the good things for the Prefect of Religion? He gets more than his share of consolations that he can't publish.

Bad Air.

If you are training a race horse or a big leaguer, you want him to get the best air there is during the training season, even if you have to go to Miami or Catalina Island for it. You are not so particular about old plugs. In which category do you place yourself? Books are the air you breathe. This is the training season for your soul. Look over the spiritual reading at the library, the Apostolate (in Brownson Hall) and the pamphlet rack. And if you haven't read "Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings" you will not begin to know how to keep Lent.

The Mass as a Lenten penance.

The Mass is the most glorious reality in the treasure house of the Church. Early Mass in a crowded chapel is the most inspiring Lenten devotion you can have.....if you know what the Mass means. Father Ryan has just published a little booklet that you can get in the rear of the basement chapel, "Mass and the Passion". It gives you the story of the Passion as it is dramatically portrayed in the Mass. Use this booklet through the forty days, become thoroughly familiar with the meaning of the Mass, and you will be a much better Notre Dame man on Easter morning.

Prayers.

Five sick persons, three deceased, and five special intentions. One of these is a very urgent intention of the Prefect of Religion. Please.

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