

Pick Out a Soft Spot to Land On.

The following classes of freshmen might well inspect the lake for a soft spot to land on when the inevitable happens:

1. The loud and profane;
2. The street car pests;
3. The lady-killers;
4. The gin poodles;
5. The saxophone artists.

The Mass for Off-Campus Students.

The Sunday Mass for off-campus students is said at St. Joseph's Church, Hill and LaSalle streets, at eight o'clock sharp. Students are requested to stay away from the parades. Upperclassmen please note that the hour for this Mass has been changed this year from 8:10 to 8:00. Confessions are heard during this Mass.

The Opening Mass.

The solemn opening of the school year will take place tomorrow at 8:30 in Sacred Heart Church, when the Right Reverend Bishop of Fort Wayne will celebrate Pontifical High Mass and the President will preach. A note from the Prefect of Discipline states that attendance at this Mass is compulsory. As a matter of fact, there will be few who will need this warning -- the only skivers will be a few soreheads of the type that crash the gate to get into Notre Dame and can't get the point when they are told to get out. This is an important occasion, and all the important people at Notre Dame will be present.

Holy Communion Tomorrow.

While Holy Communion will be distributed during the Pontifical Mass, those who do not care to fast that long will have an opportunity for Holy Communion before that time. There will be a Low Mass for communicants at 6:30 in the church, and after the Mass confessions will be heard and Holy Communion distributed until 8:15.

Confessions for Tomorrow.

While confessions are heard during both of the student Masses tomorrow and every other Sunday, the opportunity is necessarily limited. Confessions are heard after 6:15 in the basement chapel tonight and every other night. (As a matter of fact they have been heard thus for years, and in the past seven and a half years there have been only seven evenings when no one came to confession. You can tell your pastor that the next time you go home.)

The Freshman Class.

Looking them over by and large they are not such a bad-looking lot. There are a few permanent waves among them that look like good money for the beauty parlors down town. (and last year a certain group of students kept one of these institutions quite busy.) Spiritually, there are more assets than liabilities among them. There are a good number who have been devoted to the Blessed Sacrament, and have come here to have their devotion flourish in rich soil. Quite a few have little conception of what the Catholic Church is. And there is an unfortunately large number who have been spoiled in High School by drink, or by association with the wrong type of girls, or both. This is what their faces say to the experienced observer. The Mission will do them all good, for the success of the Mission. The Novena started this morning.

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