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What Happened to the Sophomore?

Several sophomores bit on Monday's Bulletin. They want to know why the sophomore who broke his fast wasn't reported. The report was omitted in all ~~xxxxx~~ charity. He broke his fast in his own characteristic way -- unconsciously.

Who is Tough?

For the benefit of those who never see the Sorin Hall bulletin board, the following clipping from the Pittsburgh Observer is reprinted here:

"Out at Notre Dame they claim they have the toughest man playing football today in the person of Bud Boeringer, varsity center. You can get a fairish estimate of Boeringer's ability as a football player when you are told that the newspaper boys out around South Bend have pronounced him to be a better center than Adam Walsh, captain of the Four Horseman national champions of two years ago. But what we started out to talk about was Boeringer's raw-hide skin, rendering him impervious to hard knocks of any kind. It is related around the Notre Dame campus that last summer while Boeringer was employed with a construction gang in order to keep in trim for the football season, a truckload of stone was accidentally spilled on him. When they dug him out, he complained to the foreman about having so many cream puffs lying around.

"He is rated above Adam Walsh at Notre Dame because of the very fact that he never seems to get hurt, whereas Walsh was quite frequently kept out by injuries. Boeringer is in every play, too; in fact, it is said that Rockne's ends, tackles and guards have frequently complained to Coach Rockne that Boeringer refuses to allow them to spill any interference or make any tackles. He attends to all that himself. After the whole Minnesota team had piled up on him for the tenth time at Minneapolis last Saturday afternoon, Boeringer called for time out so he could run around the field a few times in order to get up a sweat. 'I'll go stale if I don't get some exercise,' is the way Bud put it after Coach Rockne had tackled him on the third time around the field.

"It'll do you good to keep your eye on this cast-iron youth when he appears here with Notre Dame against Carnegie Tech."

Red Smith is a bit piqued at what he considers unwarranted publicity given to Bud's alleged powers of resistance, and has challenged him to a skull-cracking contest with sixteen-pound shots at five yards. Bud has accepted and has chosen Scrapiron Young as his second. Eddie Tully will second Red. The contest will be held in the boiler room of Plant A at the Studebaker Works.

That's a Lot of Tough;

but the trouble with these outside sport writers, including Jimmie Costin of the Observer, is that they can't print the secrets of the heart. The whole Notre Dame team is tough, and it's the kind of tough that lasts a lifetime. One of the best tackles Notre Dame ever had said on one occasion: "I can't put any life into a tackle if I haven't received Holy Communion in the morning; I'm yella. But if I can feel in my heart that I'm right with God and that I'm playing for the honor and glory of the Father of God, I can let myself go." The real twenty-minute egg is the man who can resist anything that comes along -- even temptation; and the Notre Dame team has always been blessed with men who have the strength of the martyrs when it comes to that.

Prayers.

Philip Deoll's mother died Monday night at eleven; he asks prayers for the repose of her soul. James O'Connor's grandmother died a few days ago.