

Religious Bulletin
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But So Many Couldn't Be Bothered.

The First Friday brought many consolations, as it was expected, but there were so many who couldn't be bothered. Saphomoritis lasts so long in some cases.

And So Many Were So Dumb.

There was the usual supply of railroad men and soda jerkers on hand for confession yesterday morning, poor fellows who could not get to confession the day or the night before; and they were as dumb as usual. Just try to distribute them about so that the work of the confessors is evenly divided! Just try! Send them up to the sacristy confessional, and watch them go behind the altar. Try to run them down to the basement chapel to the priests who have had their breakfast already. Just try! It's a dumb world.

Clean Up Before Christmas.

Why wait till the last day before you go home? The Sorin chapel is crowded to the doors then, and it is difficult to accomodate everybody. Get busy now.

No Deaths.

We owe God a fervent act of thanksgiving that there have been no deaths of students so far this year, whereas there were four by this time last year. What those deaths accomplished in the way of bringing in stray sheep was accomplished this year by last Saturday's defeat. The defeat is infinitely to be preferred.

Basketball.

Another western championship? We have a championship team which deserves all the support you can give; it deserves as well at your hands as the football team, and it should be treated better than you have treated the team. Please don't take too much for granted during the season that opens Monday. Give these boys the best you've got, and they will furnish you with honest thrills during the tiresome winter season. They want your prayers, and they have a right to them.

Prayers.

Richard Grimm received word yesterday of the death of his brother; Peter Hanssler's grandfather died Thursday night; James Fogarty received word Thursday night that his father is very ill. Three other students ask prayers for persons who are ill, and three for deceased persons. Jos. De Bott's uncle has had a stroke.

Triduum Begins Tomorrow.

Those who have failed to make the Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception should prepare for the feast by making a triduum. Purity is a grace of God, and it should be sought in earnest prayer.

Scandal.

If you saw a man poisoning the drinking water of a city or scattering germs of scarlet fever through a community, you would not hesitate to deal with him promptly. Those men kill the body. Men who distribute dirty literature or peddle dirty stories kill the soul. Our Blessed Lord has said of the one who gives scandal: "It were better that a mill-stone be hanged about his neck and that he be drowned in the depths of the sea."