
The Off-Campus Spiritual Bouquet.

Ninety off-campus students have returned their cards for the spiritual bouquet for Coach Rockne. The total of their offerings is unusually high for such a number:

Holy Communions.....	593
Masses heard.....	215
Visits.....	357
Aspirations.....	2825
Other prayers.....	932

The following offerings were added to those printed on the form:

Rosaries.....	17
Visits to the Grotto.....	26
Litanies.....	6
Novena.....	1

The bouquet will be left open for a few more days.

November's Tragic Flop.

Just what three football games in Chicago during the month of November did to devotion at Notre Dame may now be studied statistically. The number of Holy Communions during the month of November, 1928, was 42,652; during the same month this year it was 39,848. The loss was 2809, or 93.6 Communions a day.

The loss was due to two factors -- success and week-ends. In the pamphlet Perseverance they are listed as Prosperity and Diversion. Note these examples:

1. The Sunday level of 1850 established in October was reached only on the first Sunday of November; the other Sundays were: 1483, 696, and 1504.
2. For a losing team last year there were 2014 Communions before the Army Game and 1989 before the Carnegie Tech Game. This year the totals on the Saturdays of those two games were, respectively, 1386 and 1331.
3. The week following the Southern California Game this year showed a loss of 1157, and only one day, during the rest of the month, equalled the general average for this fall.
4. The third Saturday of November (the day of the Carnegie Game last year and of the So. Cal. Game this year) showed a flat loss of 1276.

Now this does not mean that religion has gone south for the winter. For the year thus far there is a gain of 2,717. September and October gave you an opportunity for a little bit of religion on a solid basis, and you showed them what you could do. The gain you made then was a little bit more than enough to offset the big losses in November. But you have to snap out of it now if you ever expect to be Notre Dame men. It is ridiculous to see only 162 Holy Communions in the basement chapel on the Monday of the Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception -- and the students in Brownson and Carroll should know better, as the matter was explained to them in detail before the Novena began. They will have to live and learn that it is not manly to chicken out just because a little snow falls.

Prayers.

Harold O'Keefe has shown considerable improvement the past two days. Kermit Escudier asks prayers for a deceased friend. Four special intentions.