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Save Your Money, Boy.

"Twenty-five bucks for pre-registration." The annual chant is in the spring air; so is the old refrain, "I'm going to go to a real school next year."

If only they would! The University will be very glad if the following groups do not pre-register for next year:

1. Those who complain that there is too much religion around here;
2. Those who have failed to offer Holy Communion for Knute Rockne;
3. Those who object to the 77 average as a requirement for graduation;
4. Those who mistook Notre Dame for a rest cure;
5. Those who yearn for the social life of a co-ed school;
6. Those who find the moral standards of Notre Dame too high.

Save your money, boy, if you belong to one of these classes. Or spend it for one of these hundred-dollar parties you blow about. And be on your way.

(Sad experience tells us that they won't. The loudest kickers in the spring are the first to grasp your hand in the fall and tell you how glad they are to be back.)

Universal Notre Dame Communion.

The alumni all over the country will offer Holy Communion tomorrow for the repose of the soul of Knute Rockne. At Notre Dame it should mean more than anywhere else. You should have a mighty good excuse for yourself if you miss tomorrow. But go to confession today if you need to before Holy Communion; you have demonstrated again and again that Sunday morning has its limits in the way of facilities for confession. Come to the Sorin chapel this morning or to the basement chapel after supper.

Bengal Collection.

Bishop Crowley's appeal was published in yesterday's Bulletin. When the good Bishop left Notre Dame for Bengal twenty-three years ago, he was assured that Notre Dame would always back him up. Under his direction the work in that mission field has flourished as never before. Now it is in danger of serious losses. If we haven't the vocation to follow him into that field, at least we can support him there by little sacrifices. Come across tomorrow.

Spring Practice and Religion.

Looking over the squad at spring practice one sees some very dumb candidates.... yes, dumb is the word. There are men there who have not received the Sacraments in so long that we had forgotten they were in school. That's dumb -- and it is not Notre Dame football and never will be. Notre Dame football is played in Our Lady's honor; it is one of those actions which St. Paul tells us should be offered for the glory of God - and it is so offered.

The primary intentions in all the prayers for Notre Dame football are: 1) protection from injuries, and 2) clean sportsmanship. The only fatality that ever visited varsity football at Notre Dame occurred during practice. And as for sportsmanship, its first duty is to God.

PRAYERS: The father of John and Joe Robinson died yesterday. Andrew O'Keefe's mother is seriously ill. John Hoyt and Clarence Tackens lost relatives this week. Chas. Ryan's sister is ill. Andrew Botti's mother has just undergone an operation. Four special intentions.