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Statistical Information.

It continues to be a dull, colorless year. The number of students dropped for low scholarship at the semester was 92; a year ago it was 89. The depression has not increased zeal for study to any appreciable degree.

The number of students registered for the second semester is just 255 below the first semester figure. It is approximately the same as a year ago. It is not known accurately how many left on account of financial difficulties - but it seems that if those who had money and failed to study had turned their money over to those who wanted to study, there would be nearly a hundred more students here, most of them good students.

Holy Communion is some thirty a day fewer than last year. That is another sensible sign of dullness. You know what daily Communion means: it is such a tremendous privilege that it is the envy of the angels - and how many millions of Catholics are there who would thank God for the rest of their days if they could only have the facilities you enjoy for its reception. Dull? Your attitude is positively stupid. How many of you have saintly Catholic mothers who go long distances, at inconvenient hours, to hear Mass and receive Holy Communion daily? How many more of you have mothers who would hear Mass daily if they could? Our Lord called it "casting pearls before swine."

If you want to know how the halls are responding to the invitation to receive Holy Communion daily during Lent, here are some ways of looking at it. In comparison with last year, five hall chapels show an increase, and six a decrease. The figures show percentages.

	<u>Increase</u>		<u>Decrease</u>
Badin.....	52%	Corby.....	51%
St. Edward's...	22	Howard.....	31
Sophomore.....	21	Freshman.....	27
Lyons.....	17	Sorin.....	27
Morrissey.....	12	Basement.....	23
		Walsh.....	19

Since Freshman Hall has been running at half-capacity this year, its apparent decrease is really an increase. It has shown the largest percentage of attendance of any hall on the campus - 83%; and now it is disbanded. The Sorin chapel, used by off-campus students as well as campus stragglers, has a 60% smaller clientele from off-campus to call upon (and the quality is no better than the quantity: off-campus communicants daily in the Sorin chapel last year averaged 25% of the registration, as against 12% this year; during Lent last year they averaged 40%, and only 32% this year). Howard Hall was a freshman hall last year, while this year it was awarded to juniors.

In view of these variations, we have calculated percentages according to classes, taking the hall with the highest percentage in each class as 100%, and ranking the others accordingly.

	<u>Freshmen</u>		<u>Sophomores</u>		<u>Juniors</u>		<u>Seniors</u>
Freshman.....	100%	Lyons.....	100	Badin....	100	Walsh....	100
Sophomore.....	85	Morrissey.	76	Alumni...	98	Corby....	51
Brown.-Carr...	77	St. Edw...	53	Howard...	70		
Dillon.....	75						

PRAYERS: Deceased - Geo. J. Cooke, '80; Dr. Harry Luhn, captain of the first N.D. football team; the grandmothers of Wm. Kerrigan, '31, Henry Pratt, Leonard Hosinski; Jas. Trotter's father; an aunt of Joe Dwyer; five friends of students. Operations: John F. Egan and Wm. Kane, St. Edward's Hall. Ill: Fr. Kelly, of Huntington, Ind., Walter Dillon's uncle; Ed Mehren's sister; a friend of Bernard Young. Five special intentions.