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February Graduate Near Death.

The Bulletin, a few days before vacation, counseled careful driving during Easter, and further advised constant readiness for death. If all reports are in, none of you were injured or killed during the holidays, for which thank God.

However, John Francies, just graduated in February, lies near death in Cleveland with a fractured skull and other injuries suffered in a tragic accident in which his companion, Miss Loretta Stanton of St. Mary's, was killed instantly.

Mass will be offered for his recovery and for her soul in Dillon Chapel Saturday at 7:10. Be generous in your prayers for them -- and include a thanksgiving for yourselves who have come back safe.

The New York Times, erroneously, we hope, reported that a student, Robert McLaughlin, was seriously injured in New York City in an accident in which two friends were killed. After an investigation, quite accurate information indicates that he is not a student, but is a brother of Ed McLaughlin, who was graduated last June. As a brother of a former student, he deserves your prayers, as do also the two who were killed, F. Albrecht and W. Roeser, they being friends of present students.

To Chaplains and Mailing-List Friends.

The boys are just getting back from vacation. They are tired and busy, too, discussing "the girl", Easter dances and the draft situation. They won't have much time to read the Bulletin, so this note is for you.

The Bulletin wants to thank you, chaplains, for itself and on behalf of the students for your sincere and helpful answers to the questionnaires sent to you. The Bulletin and "Advice to Catholic Recruits" that you asked for have been sent, or will be sent shortly. The Student Commission for Decent Literature handles the Advice leaflets. The members have been on vacation, but they did not forget you. Three members of the Commission attended the Washington, D. C. convention of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. They were going to urge the students of other universities to send pamphlets and Catholic literature to you, preferably "adopting" a camp or chaplain near their respective universities. More about this later.

Some of you asked whether you might quote or use material from the ND Bulletin for your own post or camp bulletin. You, or any Bulletin reader, may do so, giving credit or not, as your judgment regarding effectiveness dictates. Three or four of you have sent in to us some copies of your own post's bulletin. The ND Bulletin would be delighted and privileged to receive copies of them.

Many of our boys, according to you, are already in the service, and are making excellent records. More of them are due in July. The great majority of them, you will find to be the finest boys in the land, despite what the Bulletin says sometimes. Then again, some of them -- well, you, being priests, know human nature, and while disappointed, you won't be discouraged. The next ND man that you meet will make up for your disappointment. That's true here, too.

Certain friends on the mailing list have also volunteered to remain their Bulletins. We'll be able to send them names of chaplains and army officers shortly. One chaplain, for example, wishes fifteen copies of the Bulletin. The seminarians of Kenrick Seminary, on the other hand, have volunteered to send Catholic literature and about twenty Bulletins. Campus clubs should continue sending their Bulletins.

PRAYERS: Deceased: Mother of Brother Eades, C.S.C. Mother of James I. Boland, '17; Brother of Dick Grant. (Car.), 3 Special Intentions.