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died suddenly Sunday,
Hines Hosp., Chicago

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How Many Visit the Grotto?

One night last Spring, a student went to the Grotto and counted the number of students who came down to make a visit. He kept count for a period of an hour after supper, between six and seven o'clock. Many tried to guess the tally for that night, and they have never come close the actual figure.

The count was about 890. Lest you think that to be a typographical error, we will spell it out, eight hundred and ninety.

The count was made an ordinary day. It was not a day in Mary's month of May, nor was a Novena of any kind going on, nor were examination driving one to seek extra help, nor had a sermon or pep talk been given about the benefits of these visits. But one thing accounted for this number, namely, the great devotion of the Notre Dame student to the Mother of God.

The Grotto is part of every real Notre Dame man. The alumnus who returns to the campus is drawn irresistably to make a special trip to the Grotto.

One former student, an athlete recognized throughout the country as a National Champion, make it his practice to say his Rosary every day at the Grotto, This he did no matter how inclement the weather. Below-zero temperatures never kept him away.

Many students make a visit after every meal, and go out of their way to do it. In the past, the men living in Breen-Phillips, Farley, Lahn, Cavanaugh and St. Edward's Halls have returned to their rooms by way of the Grotto, after their meals in the Dining Hall. Students who are on their way to the Laundry, to the Rockne Memorial, to the Golf Course stop for a moment of Prayer.

Some students stand, some kneel when they make their visits. Do what your devotion inspires. What is important is that you take time out to talk to the Mother of God. She will never forget a single visit, in time or Eternity.

If you have not visited the Grotto, yet, go down there tonight and consecrate all your work and play at Notre Dame to the praise and glory of Our Lady. You will never be the loser if you go through life with your hand firmly clasped in hers.

Special Confessions.

Those students who wish to solve a problem in the confessional, to make a difficult confession or to discuss some worry, will have an added opportunity this week.

Two confessors will hear in the Church (upstairs) from 4:00 until 6:00 every afternoon this week.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Father John McGuinn, CSC; grandfather of Robert Moxley, Dillon; father of Jalt '42 and Casimer '53 Ivancevic; Richard Costin, brother of Jim Costin (S.B. Trib); Frank Lynch, friend of John O'Brien (Ial) Clair Lester, '46 air crash; Charles Lindolm; Charles McNeany; Thomas Ashfors, ex. '86.
(ILL) Mrs. Frances Sauter. Three special Intentions.