

Jim Aoki Needs More Prayers.

A recent letter from Jim's sister reports that his condition is still considered serious. . . "Jim is still paralyzed from his hips down. As long as this persists his condition will remain serious. The attending physician, the Sisters and the nurses have been very good to him. He appreciates and is grateful for what is being done, but he is very lonely and likes to receive letters. Because his arms and hands are partially paralyzed it is not easy for him to answer correspondence. . ."

For the benefit of the freshmen. There is a long-standing tradition here that whenever students, members of the faculty, Community members, parents, relatives and friends of students and alumni are visited with suffering, misfortune or death, all members of the Notre Dame family remember these intentions in their prayers, especially where remembrance counts most--at Mass and Holy Communion.

Jim Aoki, Badin Haller of last year, was seriously injured in an auto accident during Easter vacation. Several vertebrae of his lower spine were crushed. His condition has been such that removal from the hospital in Hartford, Conn., to his hometown, Minot, North Dakota, is inadvisable.

Jim was in no position to defray the cost of two expensive operations and the continuous hospitalization. When this became known, his friends on campus and others came across with a real Notre Dame response. The total contributed amounted to \$2,222.27.

Keep him in your prayers. If you are inclined, write (St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn.); both prayers and letters mean much to an invalid.

Only Discouragement Will Whip You.

Those who are conscious of past sins and past neglect of grace sometimes foolishly think that all God does is remember the evil they have done. After Our Lord told Mary Magdalene to "go and sin no more, He kept His eye more upon her faithfulness than upon her faithlessness. There is more joy in heaven upon one sinner doing penance than upon the ninety-nine who need not penance.

God also sees every good act, every kind thought, every suppressed foul word, every rosary said, every visit to the Grotto, every early morning turnout for Mass, every cup of water given in His name.

It is only when you try to whip your battles alone that you get discouraged. It stands to reason; Our Lord said "Without Me you can do nothing." Hence the importance of the Mass, daily Holy Communion, frequent confession.

"Draw Near To God. . ."

. . .and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8). When you are discouraged, draw near to God. Tell Him about it. Visit the chapel for a personal interview. He is really there, just as really there as you are, just as personally. Talking to Him may seem sometimes like talking over a telephone after the wires are cut; but keep talking; He hears you. He will always give you what you need. He may not always give you what you want.

Presence, intermittent devotions and vocal prayers, but by early, persevering effort to live the life Christ expects you to live, and to such an extent that even in your failings and weakness you may still prove your familiarity by going along with Him. Prayers: (deceased) father of B.J. Bedard; mother of Miss Marie Lawrence, Law Librarian; grandfather of Louis Rieg (Sor). Ill: Father Schulte; Dave Madden; E. Vanderveer.