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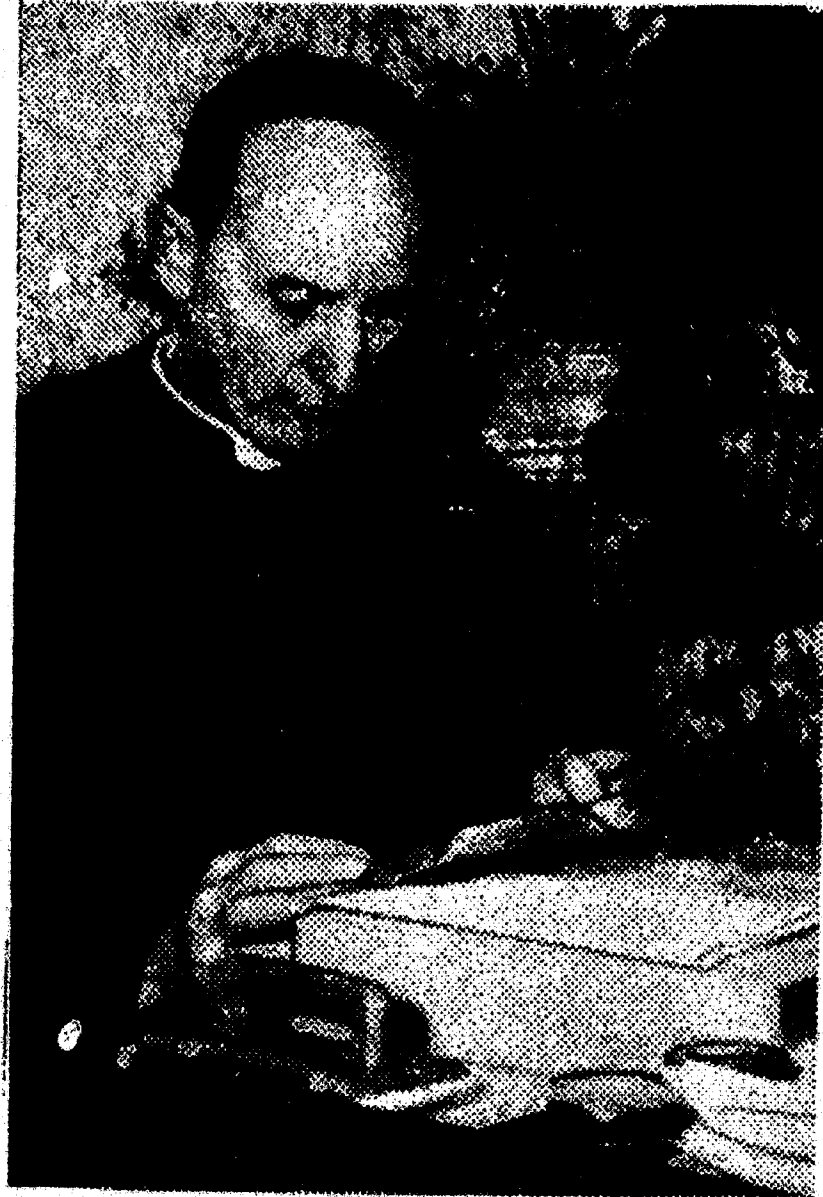
## News Section

### CRASH KILLS N. D. STUDENT

THOMAS MALIA, A SENIOR IN THE COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, BECAME THE SECOND STUDENT TO DIE SUDDENLY IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. A resident of Mishawaka, Tom had been a campus resident during his Freshman and Sophomore years. The accident happened early Saturday morning when the car in which Tom and two of his friends were returning home skidded on a patch of ice on Dragoon Trail, spun around and hit a tree. The point of impact was at the spot where Tom was sitting in the back seat. Seniors will meet at 7:30 this evening to go by bus from the Circle to the Thallemer-Goethals funeral home in Mishawaka to recite the Rosary. The funeral Mass will be offered at St. Monica's Church in Mishawaka, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Seniors will leave the Circle at 9:20 A.M. Tomorrow evening the 5:10 Mass in Sacred Heart Church will be offered for the repose of Tom's soul. This Mass will be attended by the Senior Class and is offered at their request.



0 PRAYERS. Deceased: Thomas Malia, Off-Campus; mother of Sr. M. Theresa Clare, O.S.F.; grandmother of Andrew Poltorak of Walsh; father of Louis H. Zumbahlen, '49; father of Anthony M. Bernard, '40. Ill: His Eminence, Franz Cardinal Koenig, LL.D, '59; mother of R.J. Campbell of Pangborn; grandmother of Jim, of Zahm, and Rick Salmon of Alumni; friend of Michael Rice of Zahm.



### ASKS STRONG FAITH

Cardinal Aloysius Stepanic was buried in Zagreb's ancient cathedral Saturday. His last testament urged Croatians to "remain true and faithful to the holy church and the holy see."

The Cardinal's last testament, read to a congregation of three thousand, said: "With all my heart, I forgive everyone and I ask that anyone I may have offended in any way should forgive me. I have striven all my life to be useful to my people and now, at the moment of my death, I commend myself to the hearts of the Croatian people, that they should remain faithful to holy Church and to the Holy See."

At the Consistory of Jan. 12, 1953, Archbishop Stepinac was named a Prince of the Church. He did not attend the Consistory, in Rome, however, for he would not ask Marshal Tito for the exit visa, fearing he would not be permitted to return to Yugoslavia.

On Wednesday evening, the 5:10 Mass in Sacred Heart Church will be offered for the repose of the Cardinal's soul, at the request of the graduates of Archbishop Stepinac High School, White Plains, N.Y.



AT ALL THE MASSES in the church yesterday, Fr. Sheedy spoke of the need for being prepared for death and final judgment. He stressed the fact we don't know when the moment of judgment will be for each one of us. A few weeks ago, the moment came suddenly for Tony Champagne. Tom Malia's mother read about the accident, sympathized with Tony's parents, but never thought that the moment of judgment for her son, Tom, was so near. It was as near, though, as last Saturday morning.

WHAT THOUGHTS FILL A MOTHER'S MIND when she learns of her son's sudden death?

SHE RECALLS HIS LAST WORDS to her, his attitude, his gestures, the way he went out the door. Then she begins to recall his entire life and the way he responded to her love and devotion. It has been said that two thoughts are woven together in the life of a woman and these thoughts are really only one, God and her child. These two are worked into the tapestry of life like a golden thread. Moreover, it seems God gave mothers the hearts they have so that we might guess what is the fervor with which He loves us. In her selflessness, a mother is the analogue of the love God has for us.

WE WOULD BE AT A LOSS to explain precisely why God has chosen to take suddenly two from our midst as He has in recent weeks. But, we

would not be wrong to suppose that God intends that we should benefit from the experience.

WHETHER THE EXPERIENCE prompts us to be prepared at all times for death and judgment, or it moves us to question the way we have responded to a mother's devotion, let's be sure that we benefit from it. A mother's resignation is an edifying sight to behold. And the mothers of Tony and Tom have been examples of resignation.

HOWEVER, if death were to come suddenly to you, would your mother be able to say, "I have no regrets....he was a good son....he had been faithful to the sacraments."

WE ALL KNOW that occasionally someone will fall away from the Sacraments. It happens even here. What better time than this, what better time the Mass tomorrow evening for the repose of Tom's soul, to round up the one or two acquaintances who may have been taking things easy and letting their obligations slide. With a priest in each of the confessionals, the lines should not be too long. And even should you have to wait a while, who wouldn't trade an eternity in hell for slightly fallen arches?

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