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Excommunication.

The excommunication attached to reading books on the Index is not incurred by those who did not know of the penalty when the book was read. When incurred this excommunication can be absolved by your confessor.

Why Ride the Cake-Eater?

You probably wouldn't know a cake-eater if you saw one, and you shouldn't judge. But cake-eaters, whoever they are, may constitute a dangerous influence. Perfectly good boys (and Notre Dame has the best there are) may get very funny notions about right and wrong. These notions come from everywhere: newspapers, magazines, books, companions, the state. These notions are the cake-eater's philosophy.

When is a Joke Funny?

A joke ceases to be funny when, by making light of either virtue or vice, it lowers ideals and paves the way for sin. Put a grave stone over such jokes.

Cruel Mothers.

Baby thinks mother is cruel when she takes away the matches. Baby likes matches. Holy Mother Church takes away bad books. Matches can only burn the body.

Welcome Freshmen.

The proportionate daily increase in the number of Communions since Freshman Hall opened is 85— a very decent start for a very decent crowd of young men.

Thanksgiving after Holy Communion.

St. Alphonsus advises spending fifteen minutes in prayer. If you haven't that much time, at least remember that our Lord remains present as long as the Host remains undisolved— normally from seven to thirteen minutes.

Genuflections.

There are one-inch, two-inch, and three-inch genuflections; there are winks and profound bows. It is never bad form to touch the knee to the floor when the Blessed Sacrament is present. The right knee should be used.

The Sick.

Five students ask prayers for sick relatives or friends.

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