Religious Bulletin
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The Sophomore Hall
A Triduum started this morning. The primary interest in it should be on the part of the Freshmen who want rooms on the campus next year. Pray for a hall and you will get it.

You've Got to Pray!
If you want anything worth having, you have to pray for it. And when you pray for something and get it you are likely to appreciate it. Notre Dame was built by prayer to the Blessed Virgin, and we can't stop praying when we are up against it.

Notre Dame Never Had a Cent Ahead.
The work here would not be God's work, would not be Apostolic, if it had an abundance of material means. If the members of the Community did not give their services free of charge there would be no way of paying the salaries of lay professors. The Community even had to sell property in Cincinnati and Chicago to put the seminary up -- to take care of the future needs of Notre Dame.

What Prayer Has Done at Notre Dame.
1. It cost the State of Indiana $650 a student last year to give the men and women at the State University what you are paying $175 a year for -- minus the religion that you get free of charge.

2. When the main building burned down in April, 1879, Father Sorin sat on the brick piles with other members of the Community, scraping brick half the time and saying his beads the other half. The building was ready in September.

3. When the Carnegie foundation stated that it would have to defer its help to Notre Dame for three or four years, the students prayed for the success of the Endowment Drive, and on the ninth day of the Novena last May the Carnegie Foundation announced a gift of $75,000.

4. Two Novenas made the South Bend Drive exceed the expectations of South Bend Business men by $130,000.

5. When the Drive started in Chicago, financial experts placed the limit for the city at $100,000. Two Novenas were made, and over $300,000 was subscribed.

6. C3 exceeded its quota while you prayed for success there.

7. Private favors granted students through Novenas are too numerous to mention. Scarcely a day passes without one being reported.

Freshmen.
You haven't been slackers exactly, but you haven't quite measured up to last year's Freshmen in the matter of prayer. You know what prayer will do. If you pray hard enough, God will answer: you will have a new hall for yourselves next year.

THERE IS ANOTHER NOVENA COMING -- MAY 1

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