When the Dillonites of last semester returned to the campus, they were shocked to hear about the death of a close friend, Cornelius Hannigan, "Con" to them. Con died at home in Philadelphia of peritonitis following an emergency operation, on December 31.

He was the best Catholic in the hall", that is the way one of his admiring friends expressed his opinion of Con. And in his dying moments it seems as if God gave him special favors in return for his good life. Though, in a coma during most of his last hours, he would return to consciousness when the priest entered the room to see him. Con died young, but he died well. God grant that his cheerfulness and charity has gained for him a crown of great merit.


"Con was one of eleven children, two of them Notre Dame men, John, and Jim. He had worked for two years after high school before entering college.

"A delegation of about twenty Notre Dame Alumni and undergraduates led by Ed Bailey, Alumni Club president and Paul Toland, '42, Campus Club president recited the Rosary at the home and attended the funeral, besides arranging for Masses to be offered for Con. A fine demonstration and turnout which I saw myself."

The Hannigan family has been informed that you will remember Con in your Masses and Holy Communions. You can pay no greater tribute to your college mate than by trying to carry on where he left off in friendliness, prayerfulness and consideration for others.

2nd Lieutenant Jack Wiechman.

A Notre Dame man sends us the news about the death of Jack Wiechman. A Navy Department telegram received by the parents in Covington, Kentucky announced that Jack had been "lost at sea". He was a Marine Corps pilot.

Jack was one of a group of forty-seven Notre Dame students who were sworn into the service of the Navy in 1941. This was the group honored by Notre Dame during the half-time of the Southern California game in 1941, and later dubbed "The Fighting Irish" flying squad.

A year ago last Christmas, Jack flew home from his base at Jacksonville, Florida. He was then an Air Cadet. Later, because of exceptional ability, he was selected for service with the Marine Air Corps.

The number of Notre Dame men lost in this war continues to mount. Every death should make you see your obligation of praying more fervently for peace. Your part is to pray. By every Mass at which you assist you bring peace closer and closer to reality.

A Note From A Soldier in Africa

Somewhere in Africa

"May the Christmas of Notre Dame, and all there connected with her, be a blessed and happy one. God grant that 1943 will bring ever increasing success to the University and all her sons." - Joe Callahan, '38