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Religious Bulletin

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Vernon Burkhart (B-P), also in accident, needs your prayers; head injury. Pray too for 2 Spec.Ints.

Joe Was Ready

Saturday morning Joe Hailer knelt at the Communion rail in Cavanaugh hall with his companions. He was receiving the best nourishment possible for the eighteen short hours of life left in his service of God in this world.

Later in the day, Joe stopped at the Grotto with a hallmate for a quiet visit with the Mother of God. Saturday evening Joe was back at the Grotto again. This time Our Lady saw him with his date at his side—he was on his way to the dance in the Drill hall.

Three hours later Joe and his companion, Marie Dupree, were struck by a car as they crossed the Dixie highway at St. Mary's gate. Joe was rushed to the hospital because there were signs of life. A student got into the ambulance with him and pressed a rosary into his hand. We hope the touch of Our Lady's beads made him feel that his Heavenly Mother was at his side helping him and preparing him for a safe journey home—to Heaven.

Joe was raised in Boston, where he attended Boston Latin High School. About three years ago he moved with his family to Los Angeles. In the Spring of 1945 he matriculated at Notre Dame. Service in the Navy called him from the campus for a short time. In the Fall of 1946 he returned to school to continue his work in Arts and Letters. He was twenty years old and rated as a Junior.

Joe was a fine pal, a steady student, and a well-disciplined young man. This appraisal, voiced by his rector and friends, will be source of consolation to his father and mother and three sisters who survive him—and an example to follow for the student body at large.

During the Mission early in October, the preacher offered a Mass for the next student to die. That Mass, with its marvelous graces, went into effect Saturday for Joe. His was a tragic death, but he was ready for this call from God.

Every man preaches a sermon by his death. Joe asks you: Are you ready?

California Club Members—Notice

A Mass for Joe Hailer (Los Angeles) has been arranged by the Club for Wednesday morning at 6:00 o'clock in Cavanaugh hall chapel. Members will assist at this Mass in a body. Pass the word along to other members of the Club who may miss this announcement.

Prayers

The sister of Emerick Zgurlch (Cav) was killed in an accident over the weekend. The mother of Bill Schwahn (?) died last week. Other recent deaths are the grandmother of Bob Layden (Al) and the grandmother of Pay Nolan (Hw).

The Last Week

October Devotions, rosary and Benediction, will close with the services on Friday at 5:00 o'clock. Have you made at least one period of Adoration? If not, you ought to present yourself before Christ sometime during these last four days. If you are shaky in virtue, a period of Adoration will strengthen your will.